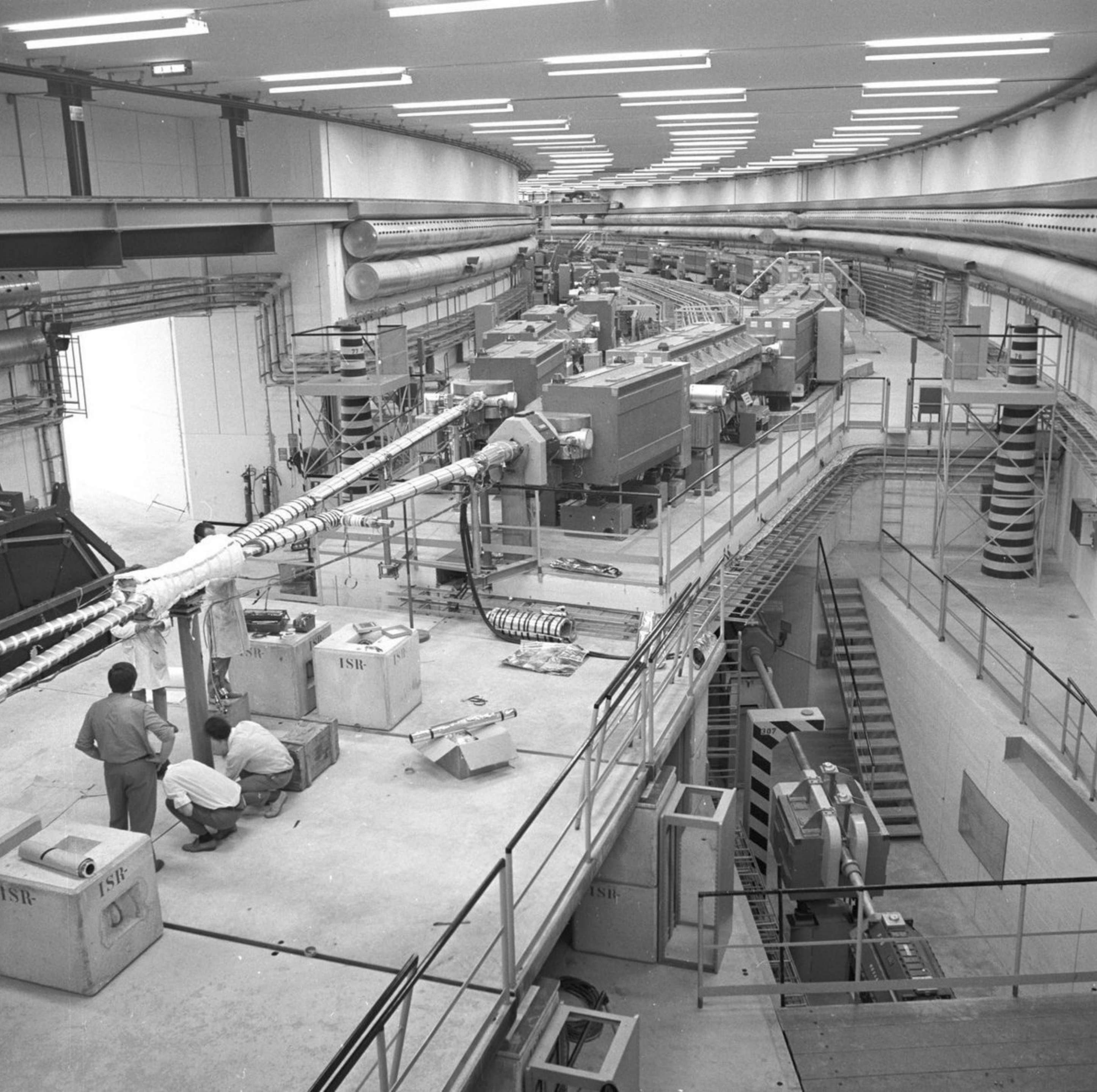


# COSMOLOGICAL EXPLANATIONS OF THE HIGGS MASS



Raffaele Tito D'Agnolo





**CERN**  
**1971**



Higgs Mass  
Squared


$$m_h^2 |H|^2$$

WEAK FORCE, STRUCTURE OF NUCLEI, COMPLEX  
CHEMISTRY, ...


# SYMMETRY-BASED ESTIMATE

$$m_h^2 \sim \frac{y_t^2 M_{\text{Pl}}^2}{16\pi^2}$$





Symmetry~ $10^{34}$  Experiment





# ASSUMPTIONS = SOLUTIONS



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# A LIKELY ACCIDENT

## Landscape of Higgs Masses

$$-M_*^2 \leq m_H^2 \leq M_*^2$$

$$\langle h \rangle \simeq v$$

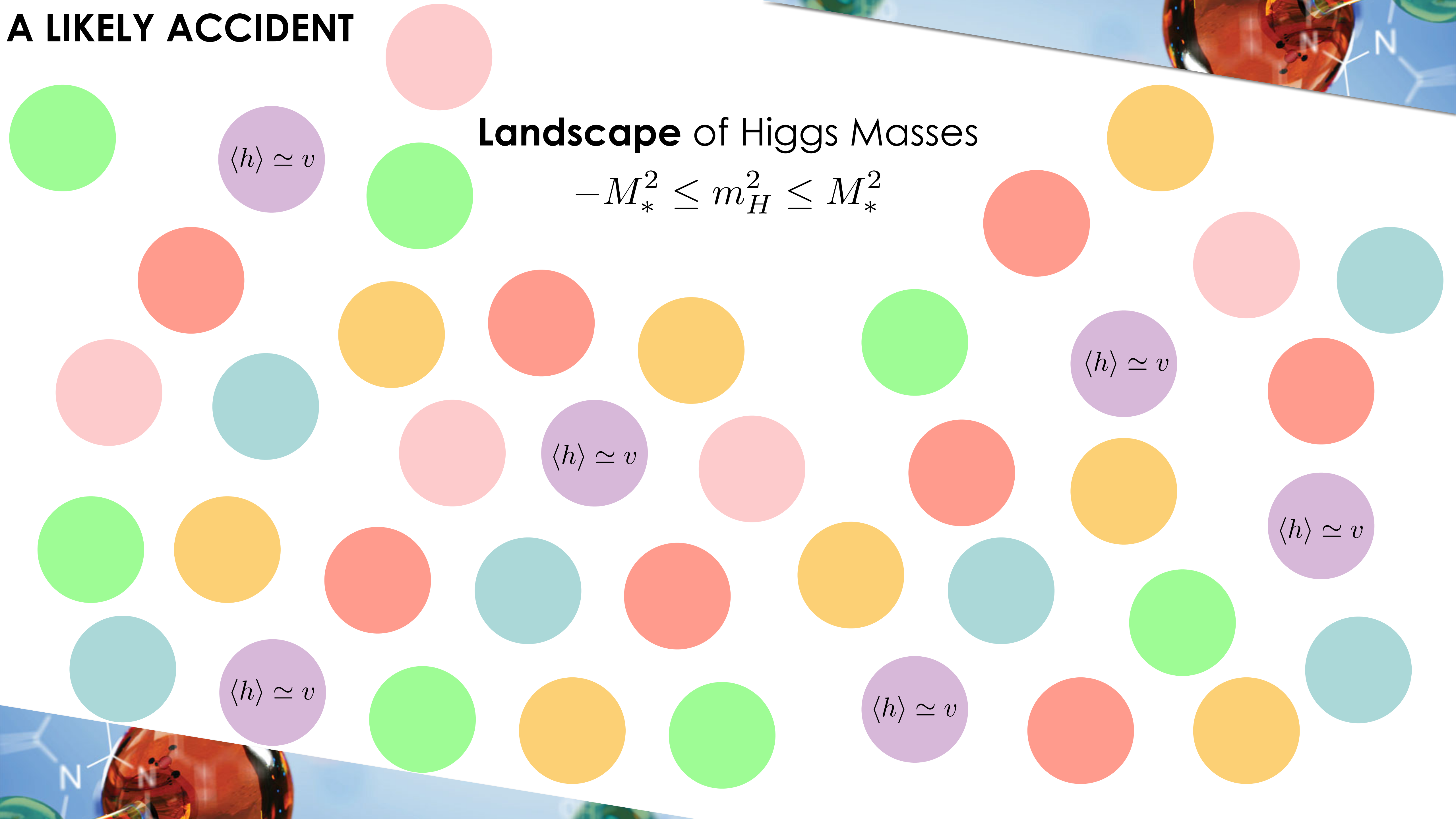
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# PART 2: A CHANGE OF PERSPECTIVE





## Symmetry

$$m_h^2 = 0$$

Is special in the underlying  
theory of Nature

## Landscape

$$m_h^2 = 0$$

Is special just for the  
evolution of the universe



# A NEW OLD IDEA

1998

Atomic Principle

2003

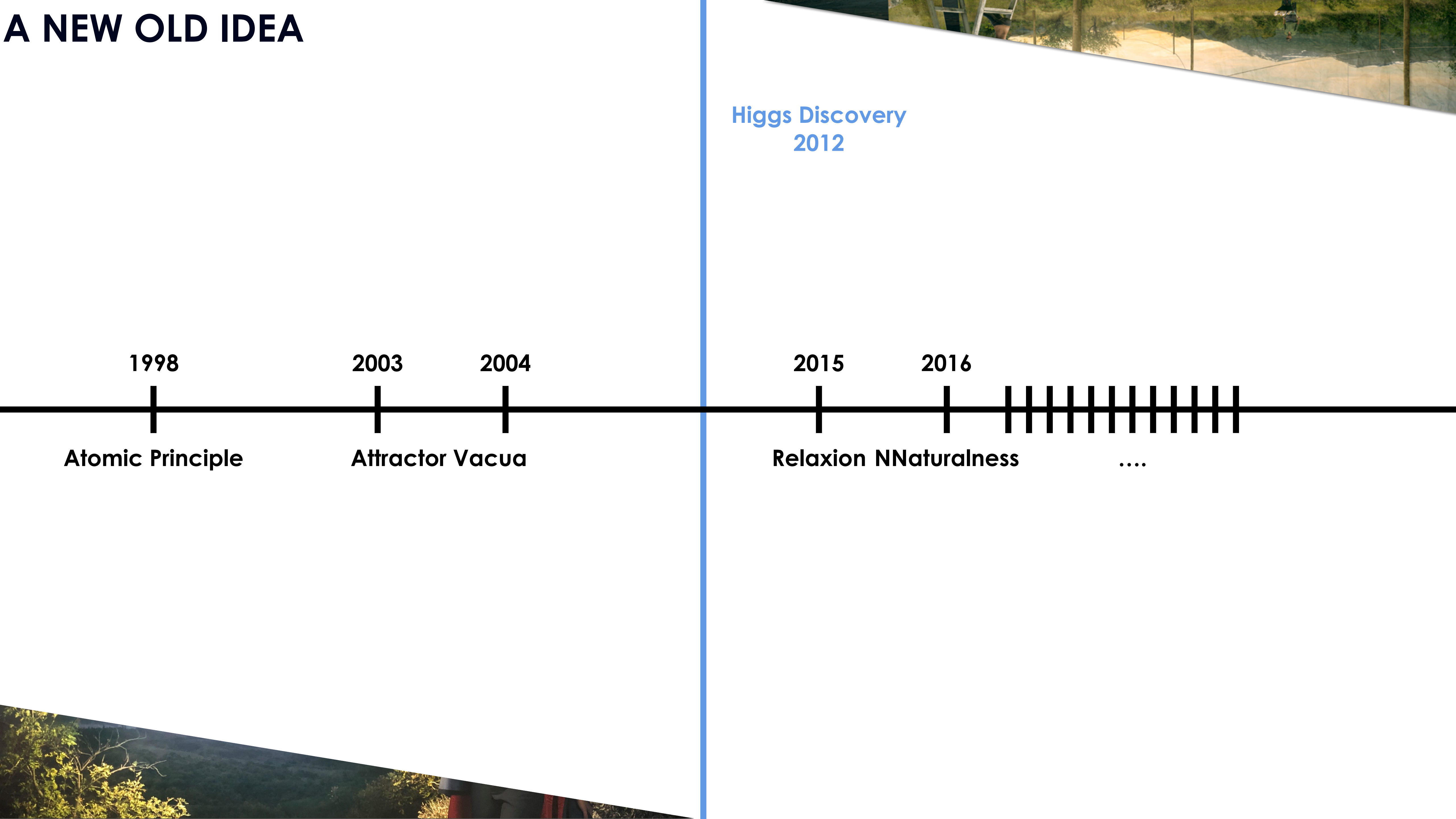
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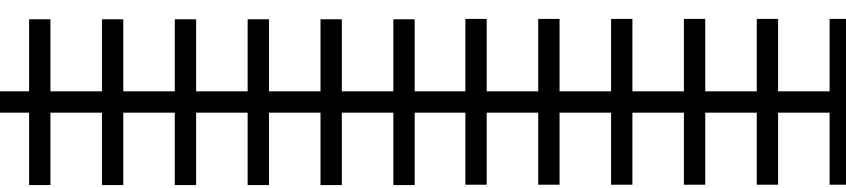
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Relaxion NNaturalness

2016

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# OUTLINE

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Common Structure

Part 2

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Examples

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Theoretical Caveats

Part 3

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Detection

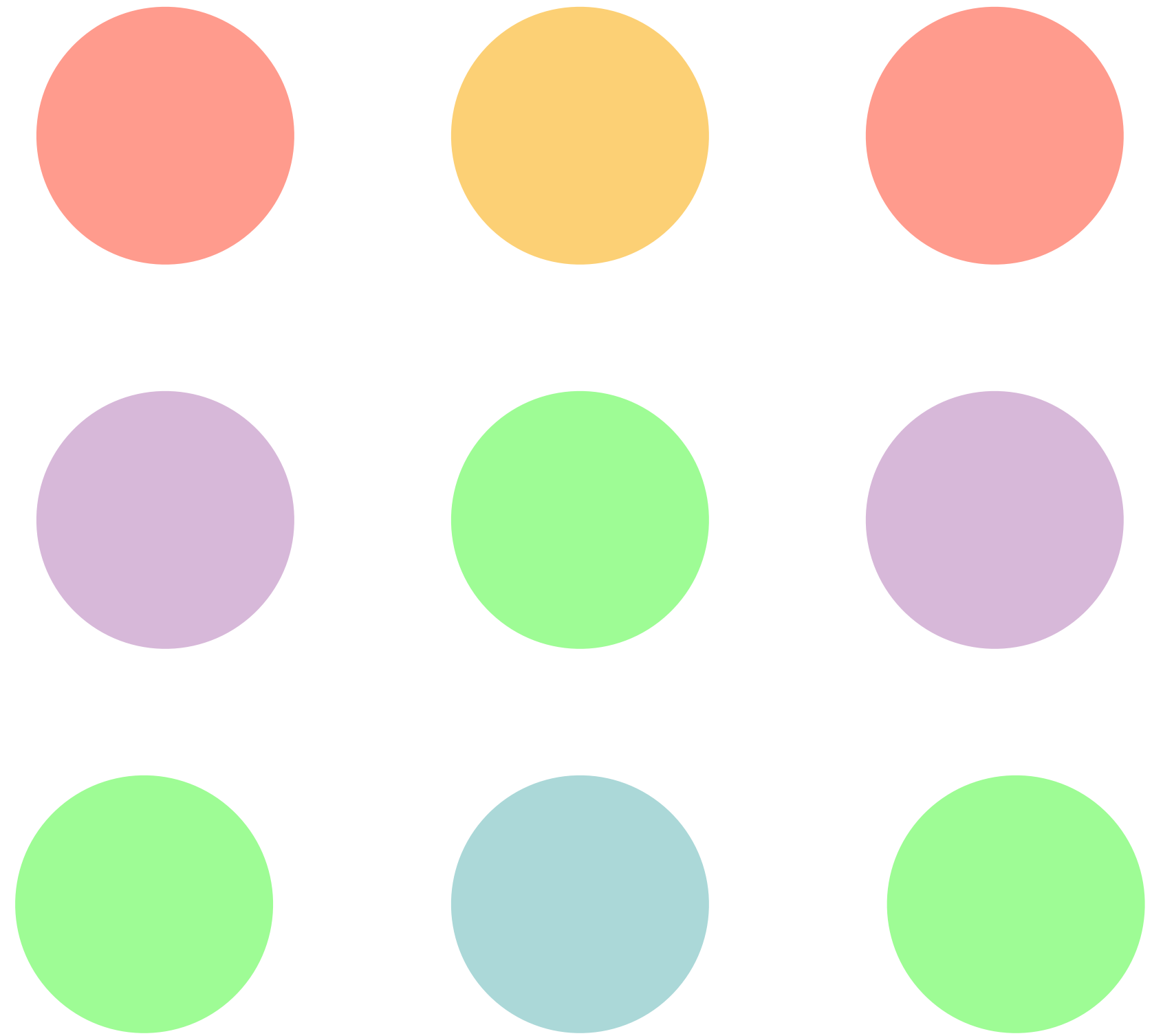


# GENERAL STRUCTURE

Symmetric Sector

$$M_S \ll M_{PI}$$

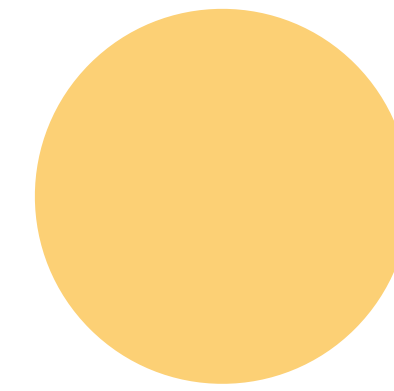
SM Landscape



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SM Landscape



**An event triggered by the  
symmetric sector selects  
the observed**

$$m_h^2$$



# EXAMPLE 1: ANTHROPIC ARGUMENTS

[Agrawal, Barr, Donoghue, Seckel '97]

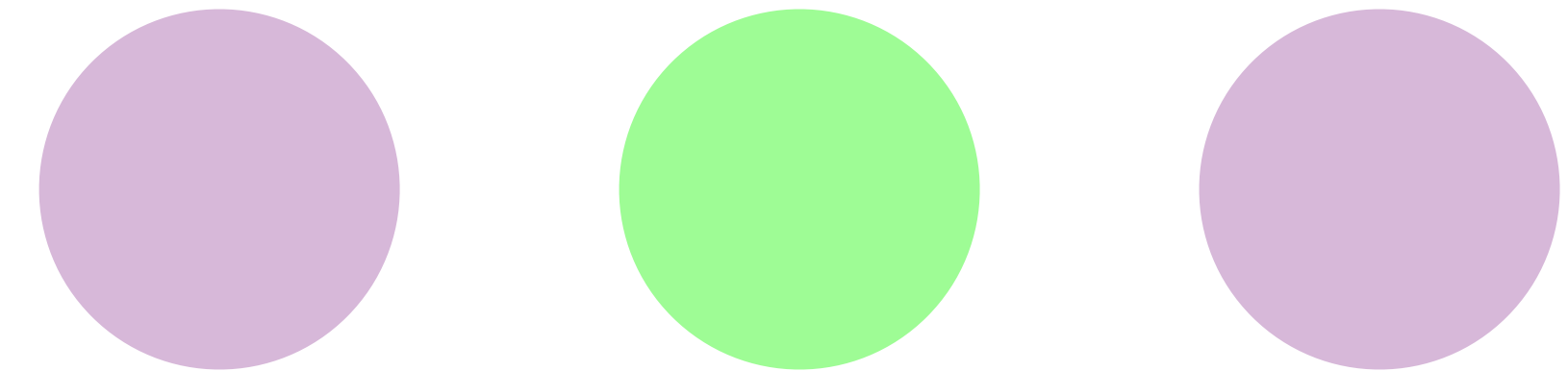
Symmetric Sector

$$\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \ll M_{\text{Pl}}$$

QCD



SM Landscape



$$W_{qq}(x - y)$$

“Friendly”  
String Landscape?

[Arakni-Hamed, Dimopoulos, Kachru, '05]

## EXAMPLE 2: STATISTICAL ARGUMENTS

[Dvali, Vilenkin '03], [Dvali '04]

$$F_4 = dA_3$$

$$S \supset \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{F_4^2}{48} + M_{\text{Pl}}^2 (-1 + \frac{F_4^2}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2} + \dots) |\phi|^2 + \dots \right) + q(\phi) \int d^3\xi A_{\mu\nu\rho} \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial \xi^a} \frac{\partial x^\nu}{\partial \xi^b} \frac{\partial x^\rho}{\partial \xi^c} \epsilon^{abc}$$



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$$q(\phi) = \frac{\phi^N}{M_{\text{Pl}}^{N-2}}$$

$$\Delta \langle \phi \rangle^2 / \langle \phi \rangle^2 \sim \langle \phi \rangle^{N-2}$$

At every step the brane charge is smaller  
-> most vacua are at small vev



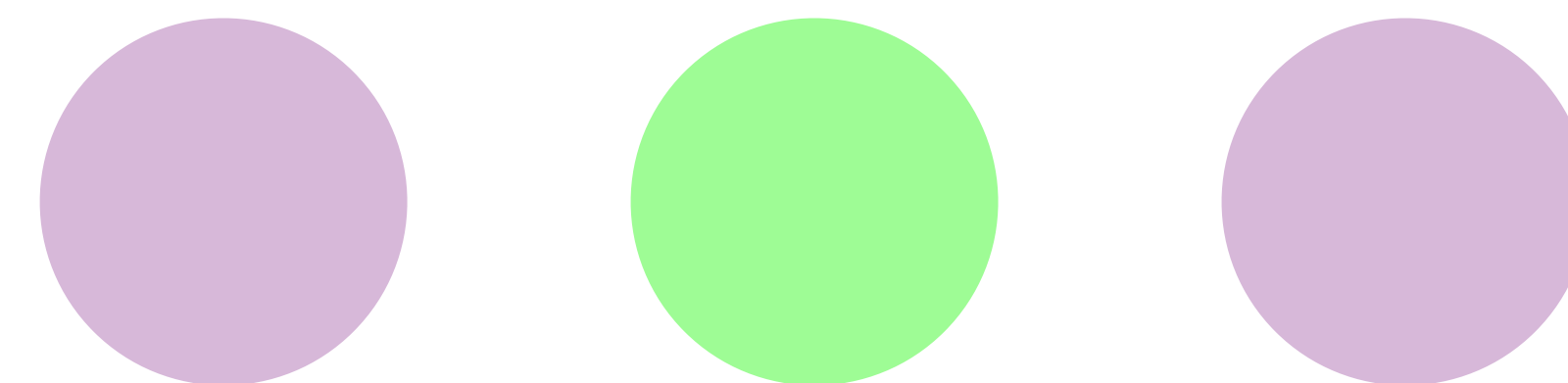
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$$q(\phi) \lesssim M_{\text{Pl}}^2$$

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$$A_3$$

$$\frac{\phi^N}{M_{\text{Pl}}^{N-2}} \int_{2+1} A_3$$

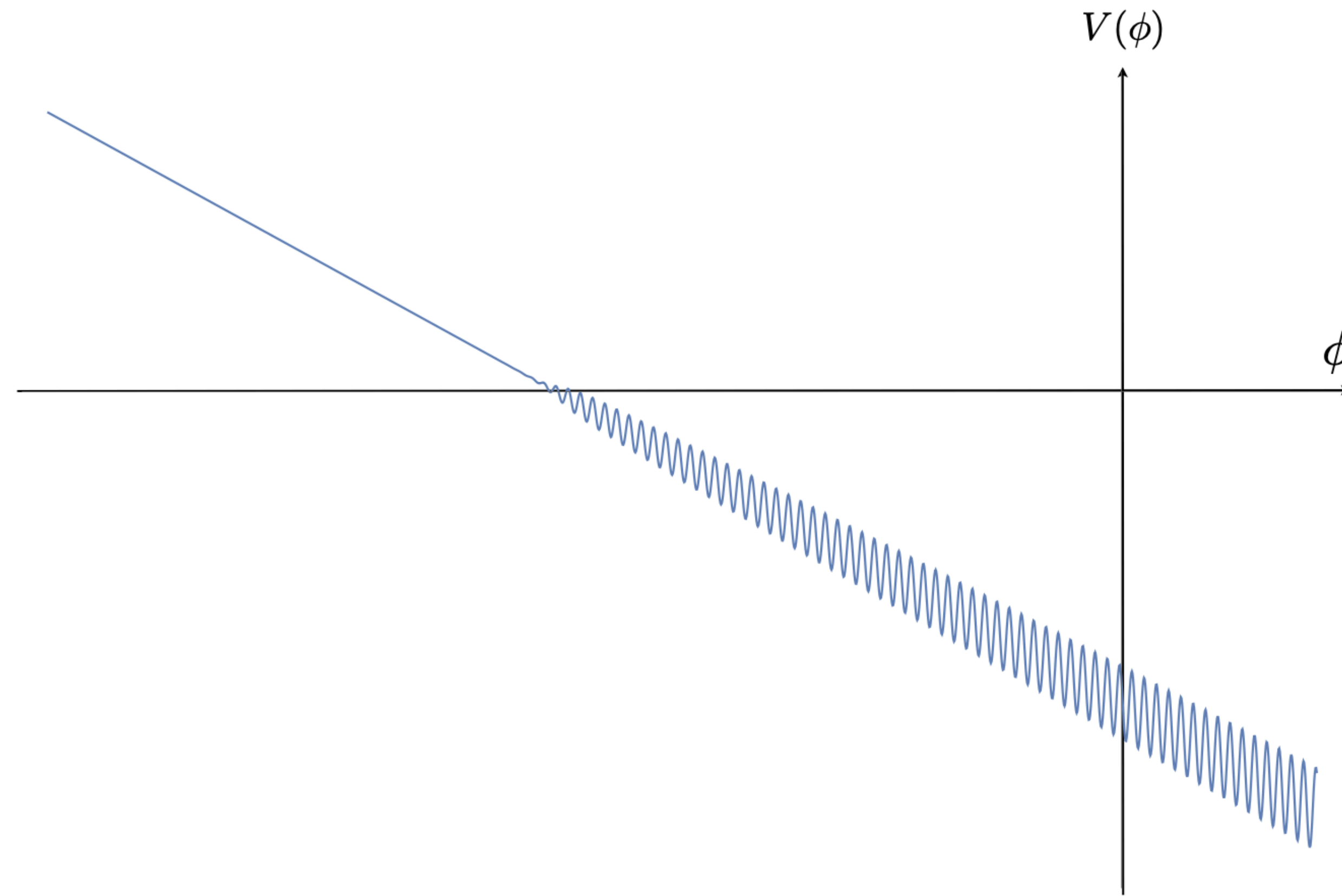
$$\frac{F_4^2}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2} |\phi|^2$$



# EXAMPLE 3: DYNAMICAL ARGUMENTS

[Graham, Kaplan, Rajendran '15],

$$V(\phi) = g\phi + \dots + (M^2 + g\phi + \dots)|H|^2 + \frac{\phi}{f}G\tilde{G}$$





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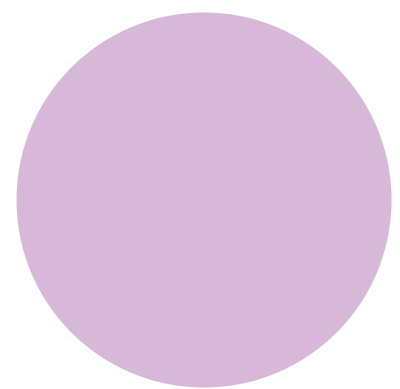
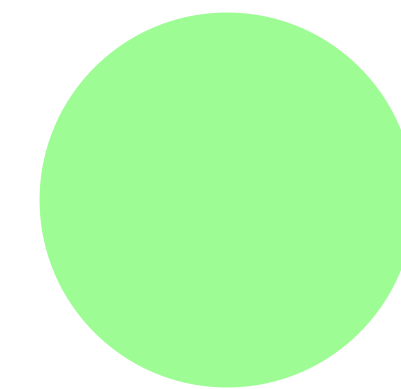
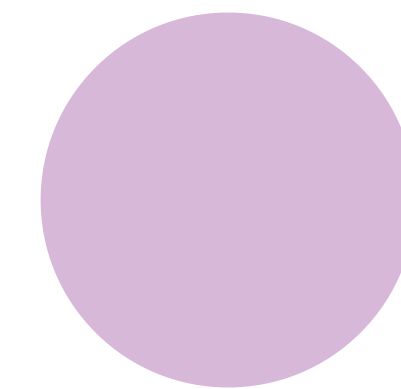
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$$g \ll M_{\text{Pl}}^3$$

$$\phi$$

$$\phi G \tilde{G}$$

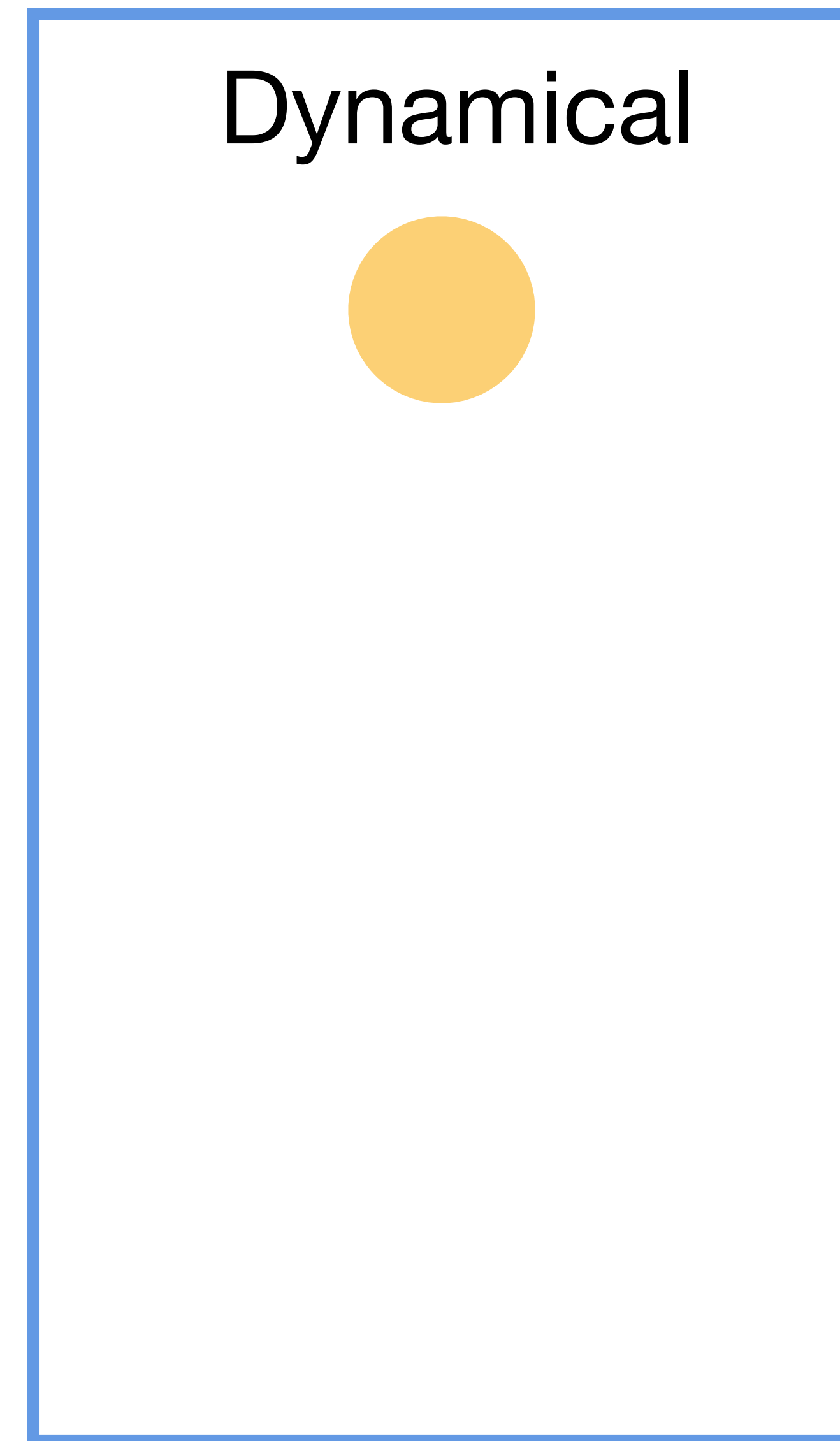
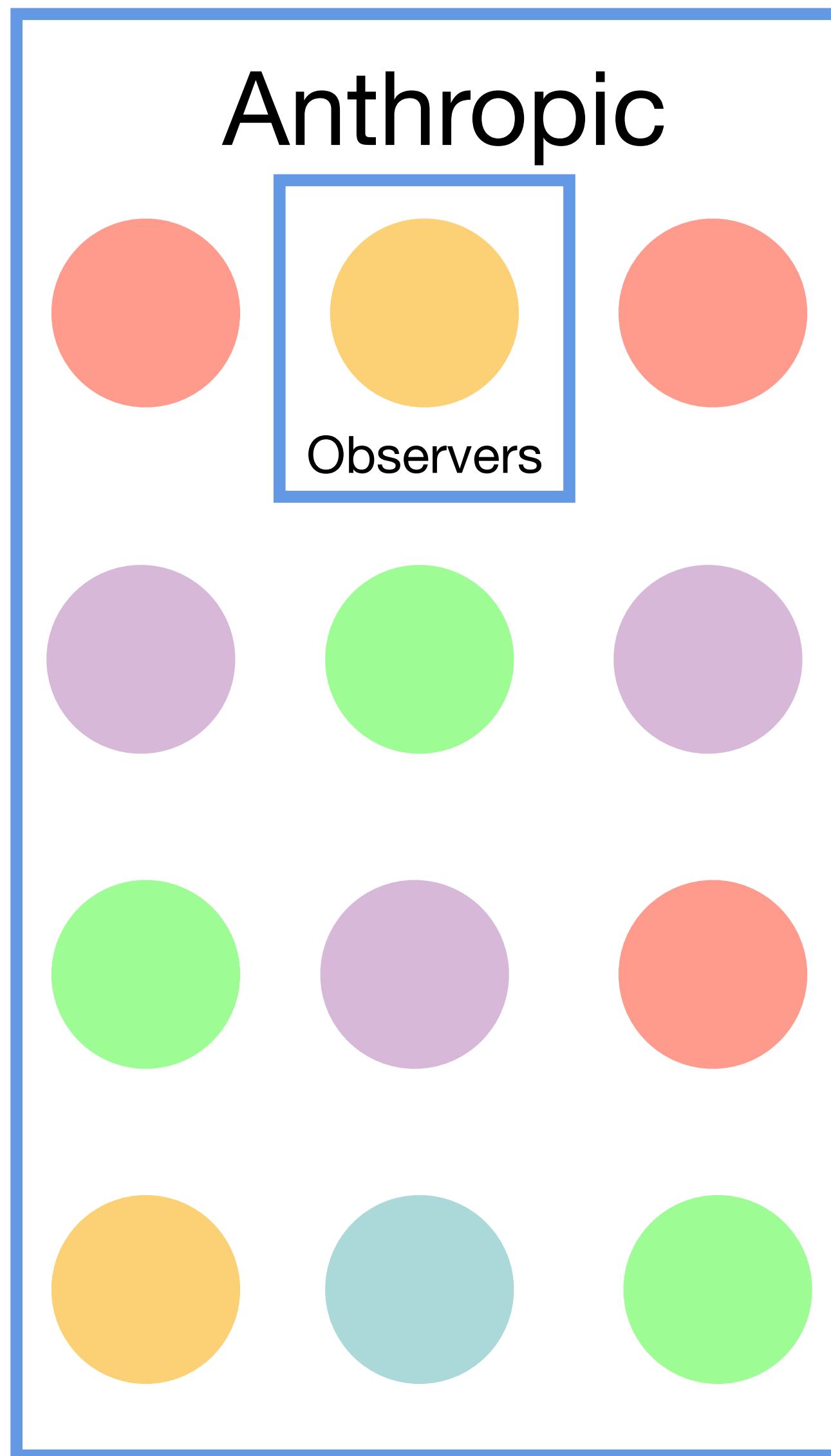
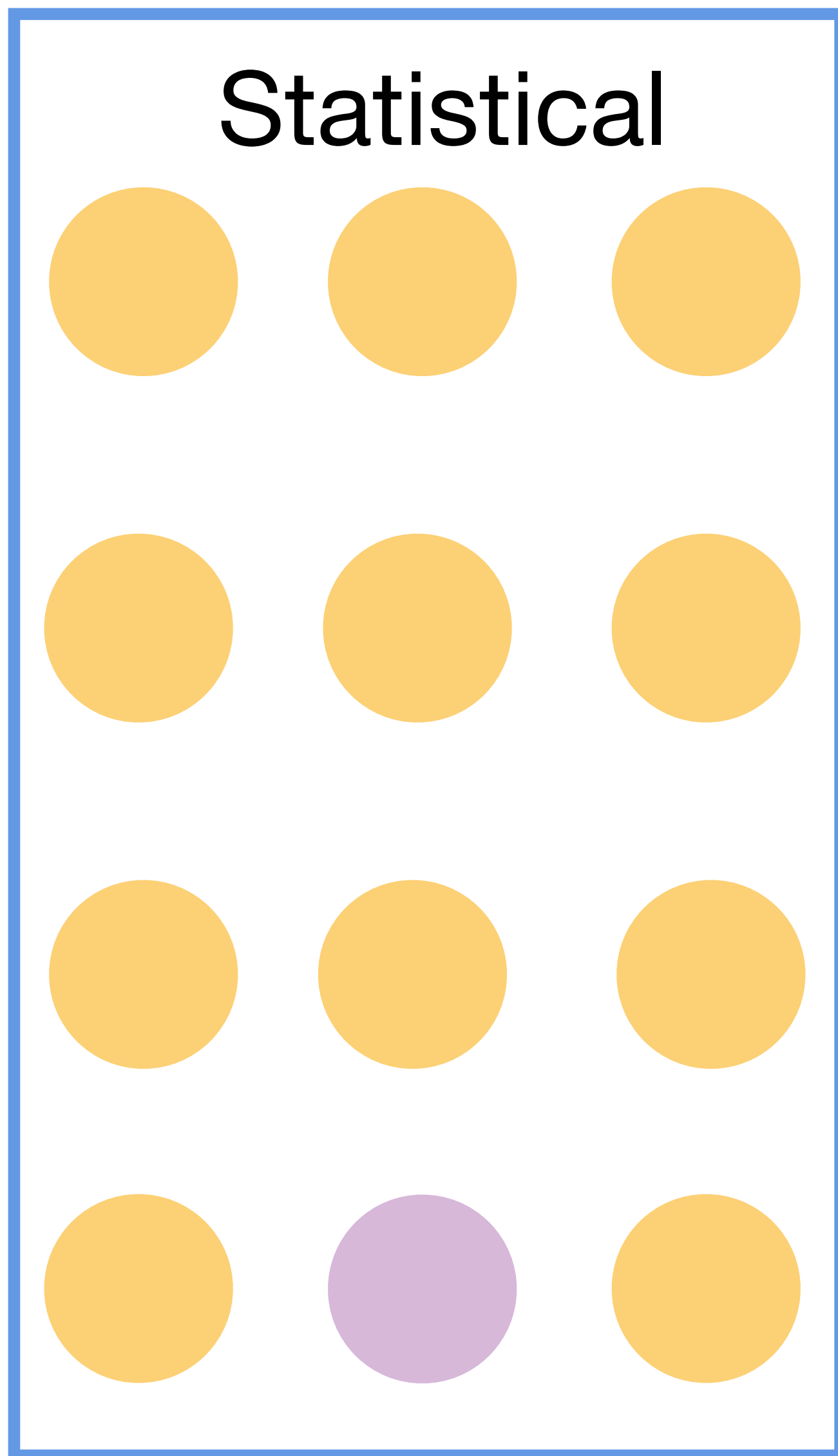
SM Landscape



$$\phi |H|^2$$



# Landscape at Cosmologically Late Times



 = measured Higgs mass





## Anthropic Selection

[Agrawal, Barr, Donoghue, Seckel '97], [Arvanitaki, Dimopoulos, Gorbenko, Huang, Van Tilburg '16], [Arkani-Hamed, **RTD**, Kim, '20], [Giudice, Kehagias, Riotto, '20],

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## Dynamical Selection

[Graham, Rajendran, Kaplan, '15], [Arkani-Hamed, Cohen, **RTD**, Kim, Pinner, '16], [Csaki, **RTD**, Geller, Ismail, '20], [Strumia, Teresi, '20], [**RTD**, Teresi, '21],

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# PART 3: BUILD IT AND DETECT IT

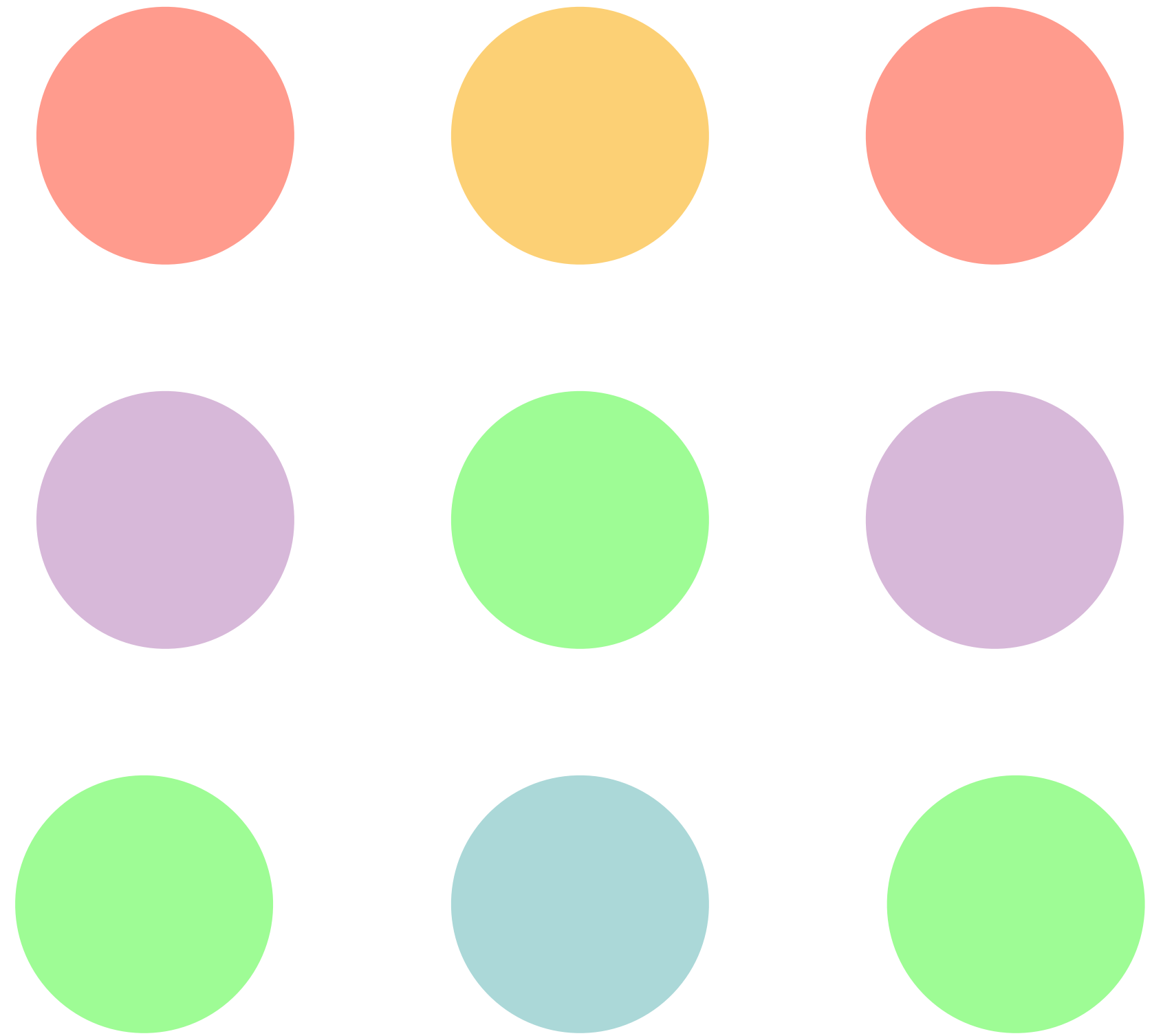


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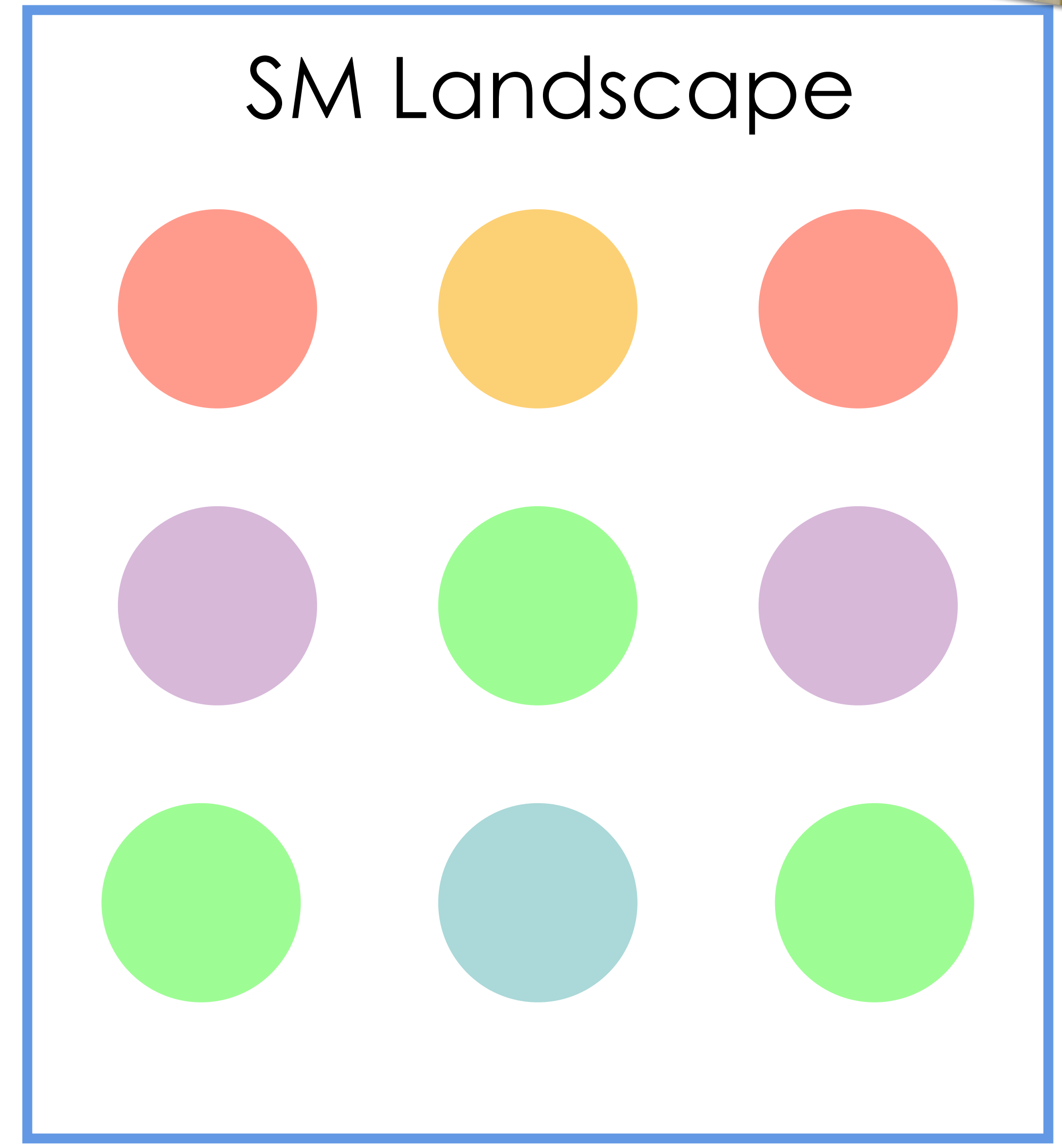
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# THE LANDSCAPE

1. Multiverse
2. Time Series
3. SM Copies

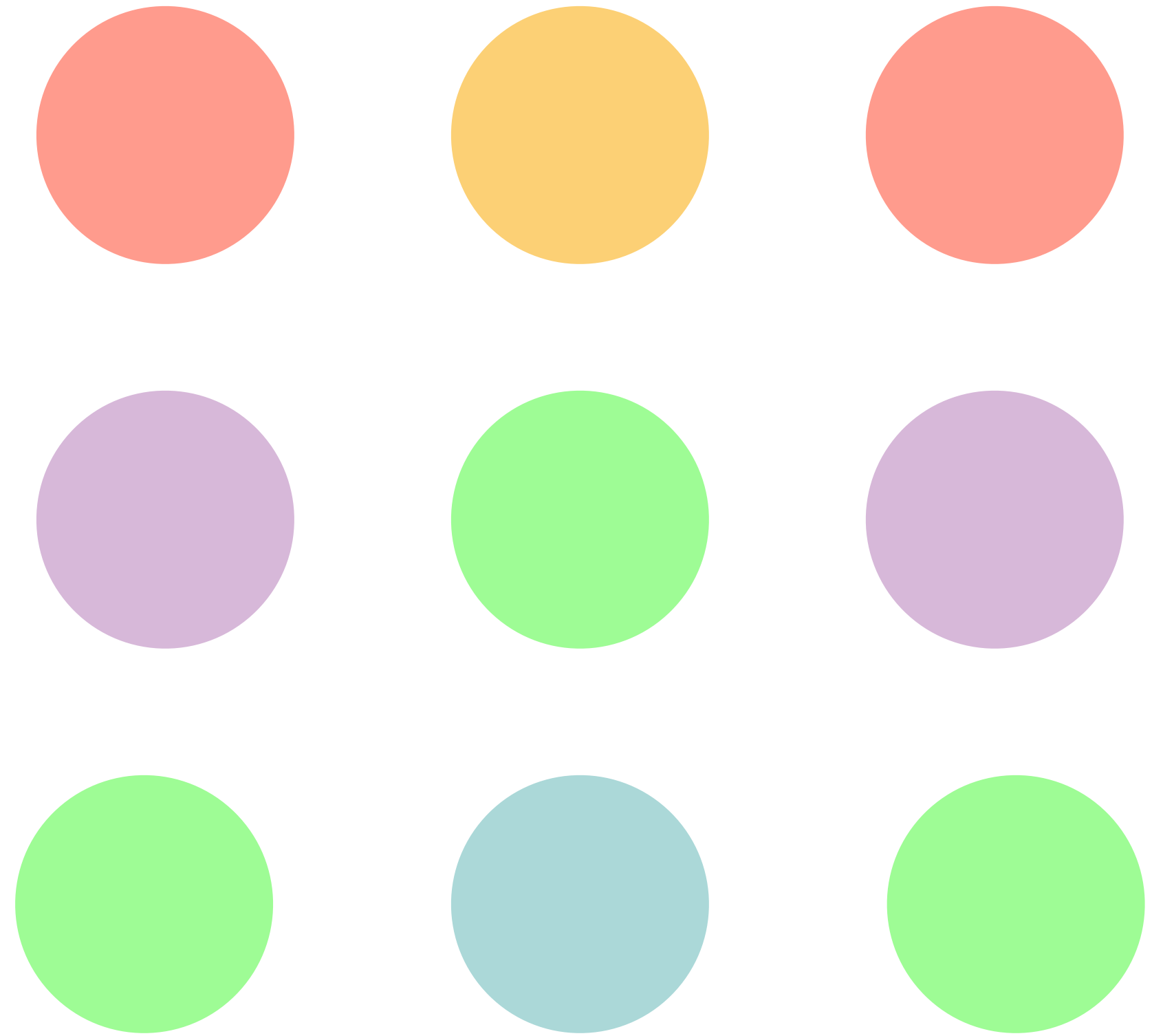




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Caveats on eternal inflation, dS and AdS  
vacua:

## **Swampland Program**

[Ooguri, Vafa '06], [Garg, Krishnan '18],  
[Obied, Ooguri, Spodyneiko, Vafa '18],  
[Ooguri, Palti, Shiu, Vafa '18]

## **G. Dvali's Talk**

[Dvali '21], [Dvali, Gomez '13-'14],  
[Dvali, Gomez, Zell '17], [Dvali '20]





# THE MULTIVERSE OUTSIDE OF THE SWAMPLAND?

$$V_0(\phi) = \frac{\lambda}{8} \left( \phi^2 - \frac{\mu^2}{\lambda} \right)^2$$

$$\Delta V \equiv V_1(\phi_+) - V_1(\phi_-) = \epsilon V_0(0) = \epsilon \frac{\mu^4}{8\lambda} \simeq \epsilon M_{\text{Pl}}^4$$

# THE MULTIVERSE OUTSIDE OF THE SWAMPLAND?

COLEMAN-DE LUCCIA

$$\frac{\Gamma}{V} \simeq M_{\text{Pl}}^4 e^{-27\pi^2 \frac{\sigma^4}{2\Delta V^3} \frac{1}{(1+\bar{\rho}_0^2/4\Lambda^2)^2}}, \quad \epsilon \ll 40/3$$



# THE MULTIVERSE OUTSIDE OF THE SWAMPLAND?

ONE BUBBLE:

$$N_e \simeq \frac{12288\pi^2\lambda}{\epsilon(8+3\epsilon\lambda)^2} + 4 \log \frac{H_I}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \simeq \frac{10^5}{\epsilon(8+3\epsilon)^2}$$

ONE TUNED BUBBLE:

$$\simeq 34 + N_e$$

$$\simeq 154 + N_e$$

# THE MULTIVERSE OUTSIDE OF THE SWAMPLAND?

MODELS OF (NEW) INFLATION WITHOUT SUPER-PLANCKIAN EXCURSIONS:

Multi-field inflation [1905.07495], [1906.05772], ...

Flat Potentials [1911.09050], ...

Particle Production

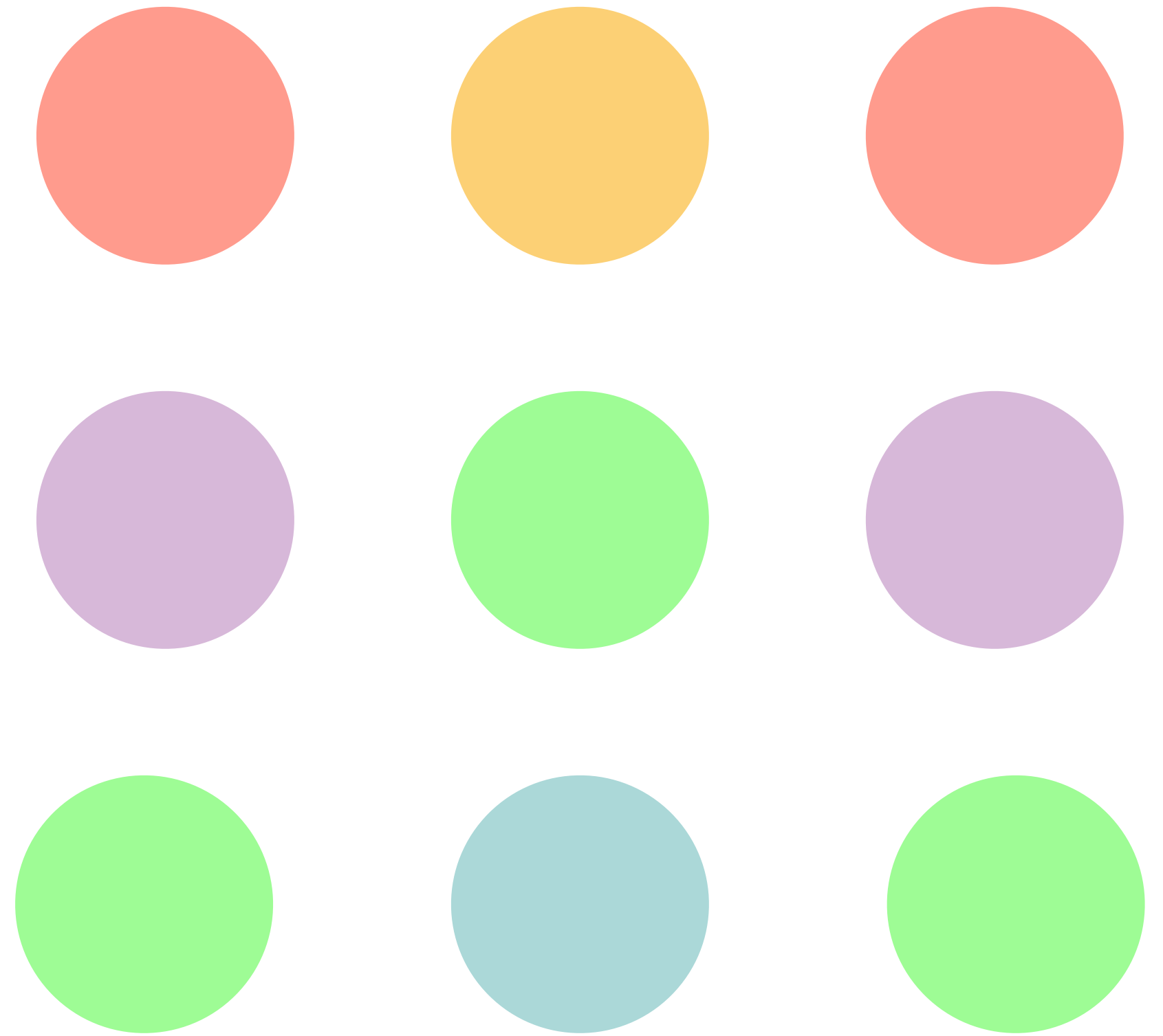
CAN THEY ACCOMMODATE ENOUGH E-FOLDS?

[RTD, G. Rigo, L. Wang, in progress]



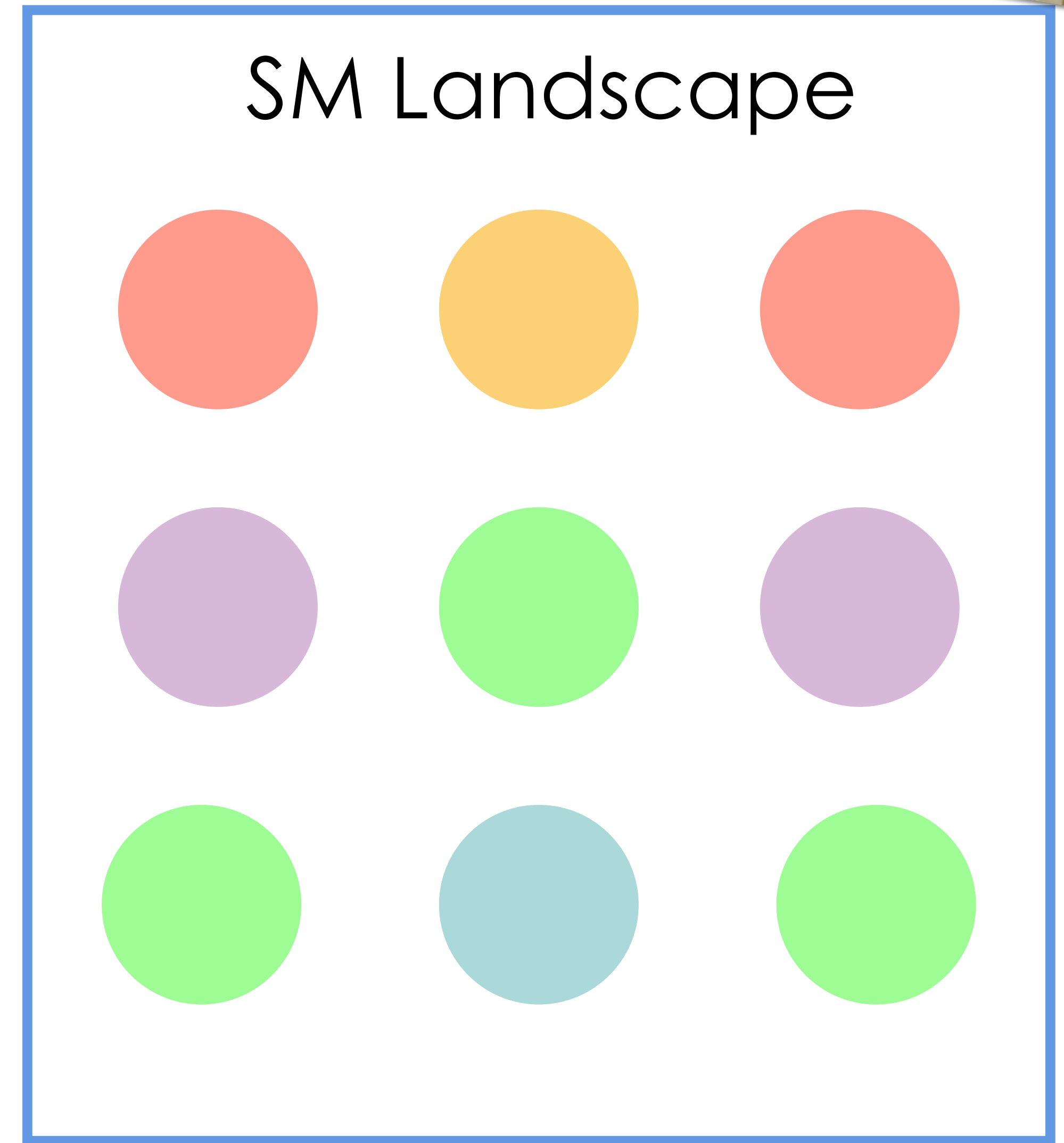
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SM Landscape



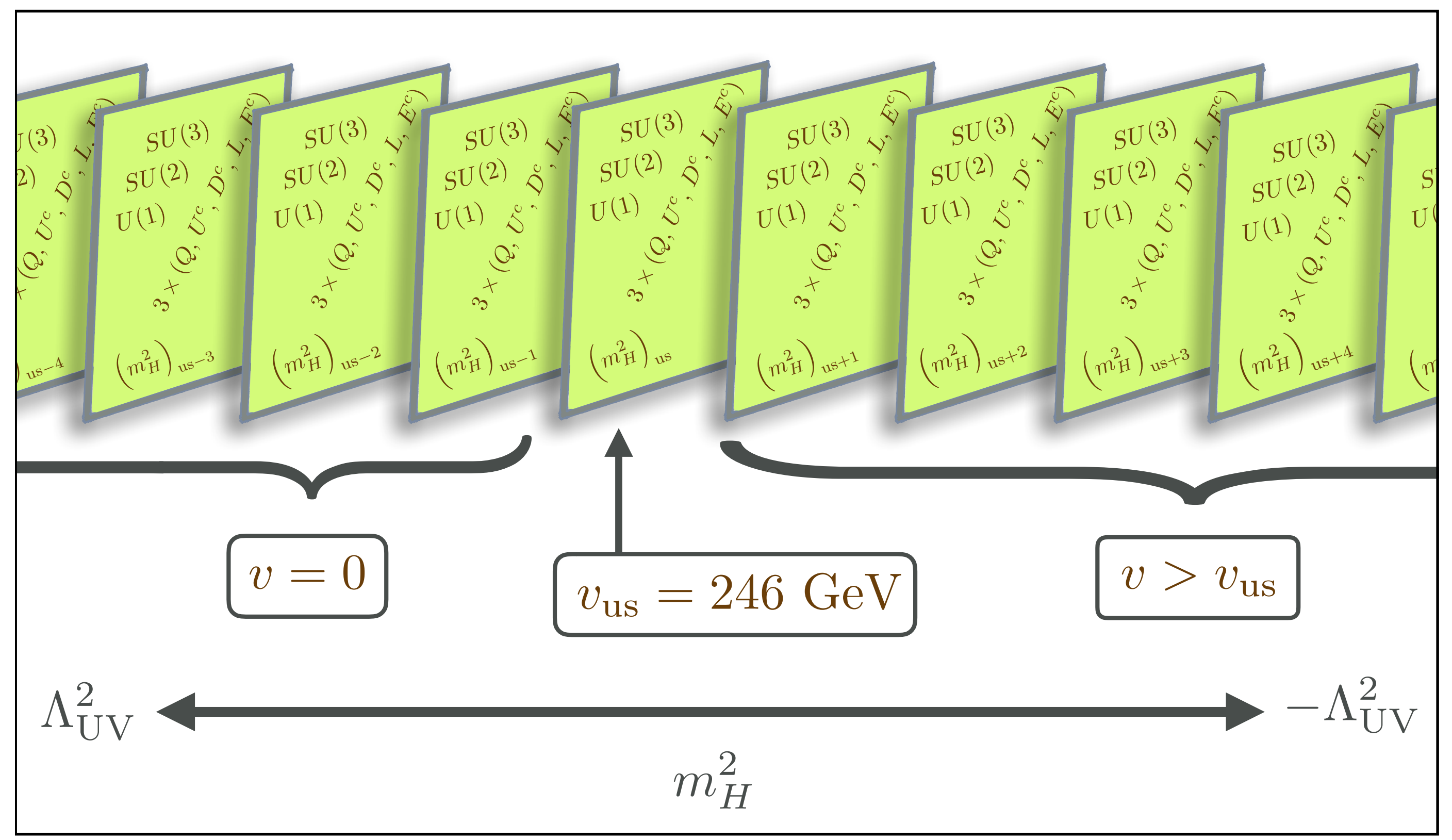


## 3. SM Copies





## Nnaturalness



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[Arkani-Hamed, Cohen, **RTD**, Hook, Kim, Pinner '16]

# SYMMETRIC SECTOR

Symmetric Sector

$$M_S \ll M_{\text{Pl}}$$

## Non-dynamical 4-form

[Dvali, Vilenkin '03], [Dvali '04],  
[Giudice, Kehagias, Riotto, '20],

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New Light Scalar  $\phi$

$$m_\phi \sim v(v/\Lambda_H)^n$$

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$$V_\phi \supset m_\phi^2 M_*^2 \left( \frac{\phi}{M_*} \right)^m$$

$$V_{\langle H \rangle \phi} \simeq \mu^2 M_*^2 \left( \frac{\phi}{M_*} \right)^n \frac{\tilde{v}^{2q-j} \langle h \rangle^j}{\Lambda_H^{2q}}$$



$$\frac{V(\phi)}{V_{\phi H}(\phi, v)} \simeq 1$$

Selects the observed Higgs mass

Notable exception: **SOL** [Giudice, McCullough, You, '21]

# SYMMETRIC SECTOR

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$$\frac{m_{\phi}^2}{\mu^2} \simeq \frac{\tilde{v}^{2q-j} v^j}{\Lambda_H^{2q}} \lesssim \frac{v^{2q}}{\Lambda_H^{2q}}$$



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Turns on at one of the SM phase transitions

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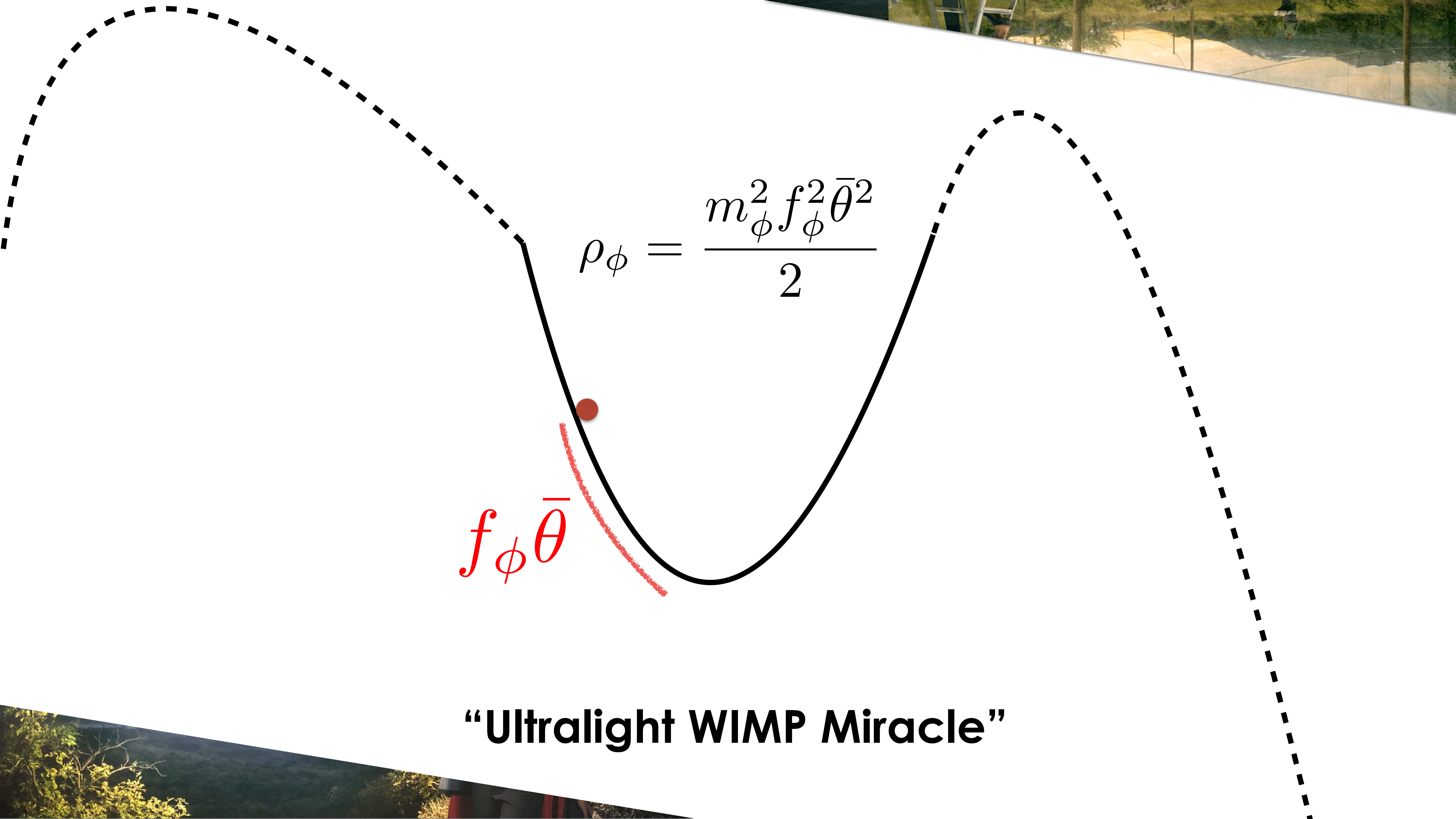
$$T \simeq 100 \text{ GeV}$$

$$T \simeq 100 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Delta\phi$$

Maximal  
Displacement  
from the  
minimum



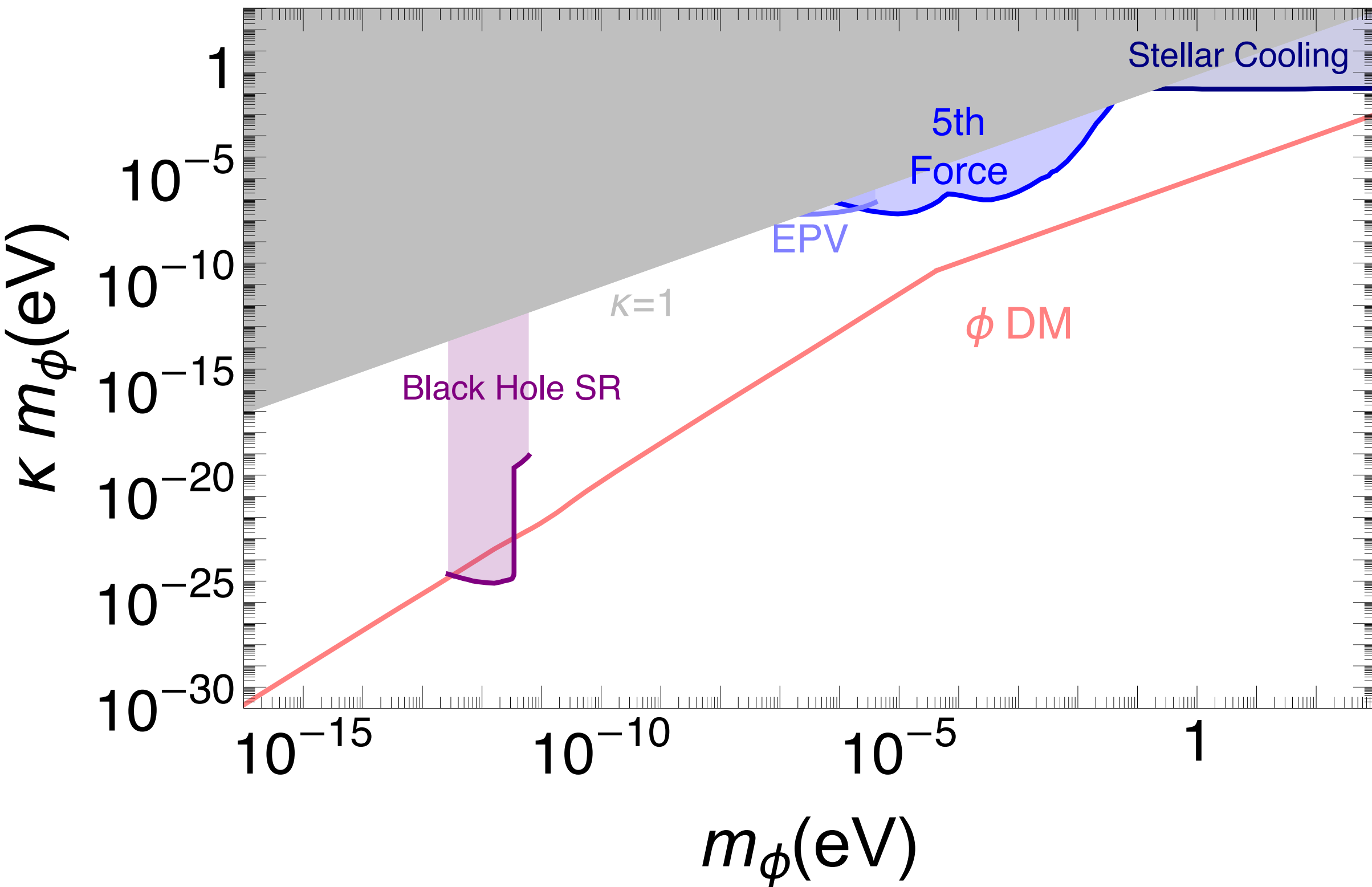

$$\rho_\phi = \frac{m_\phi^2 f_\phi^2 \bar{\theta}^2}{2}$$

$f_\phi \bar{\theta}$

“Ultralight WIMP Miracle”

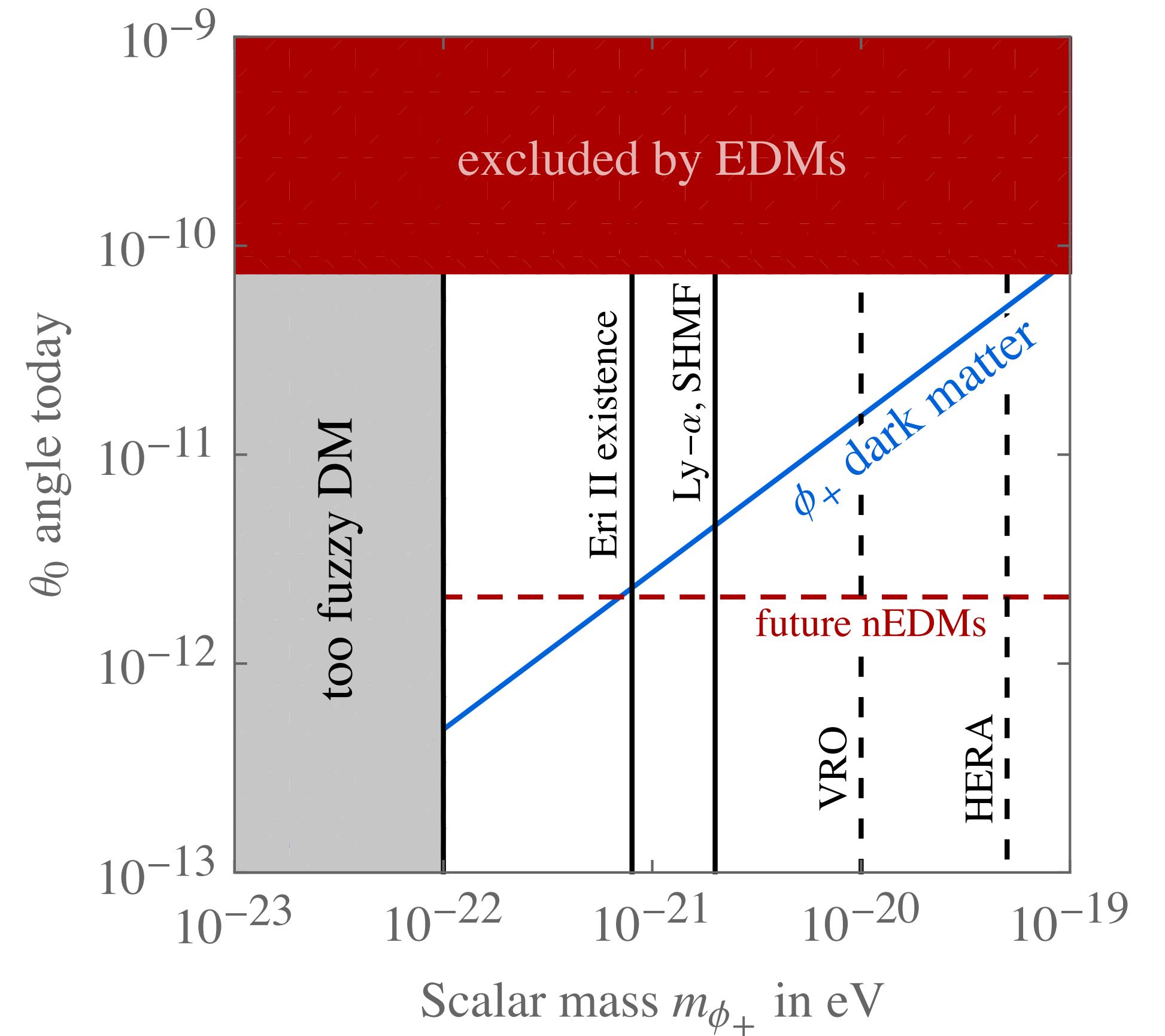
$$\phi H_1 H_2$$

## Ultralight Scalar Dark Matter



[Arkani-Hamed, **RTD**, Kim, '20][**RTD**, Teresi '21]

## Axion-Like Dark Matter



[**RTD**, Teresi '21]

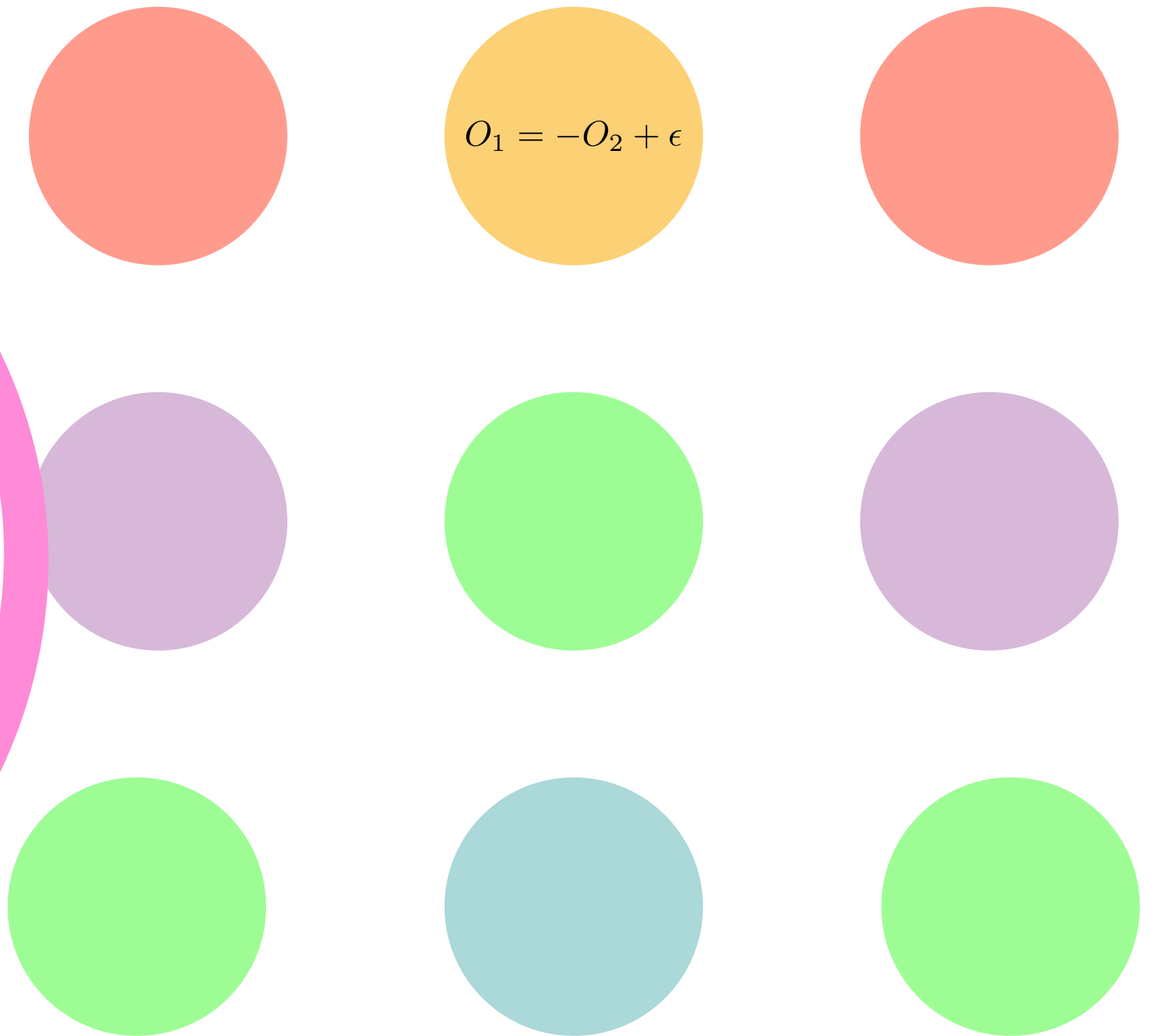
$$\phi G \tilde{G}$$



Symmetric Sector

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SM Landscape



Sensitive  
to the Higgs vev



# PART 3: GOING BEYOND COSMOLOGICAL SELECTION

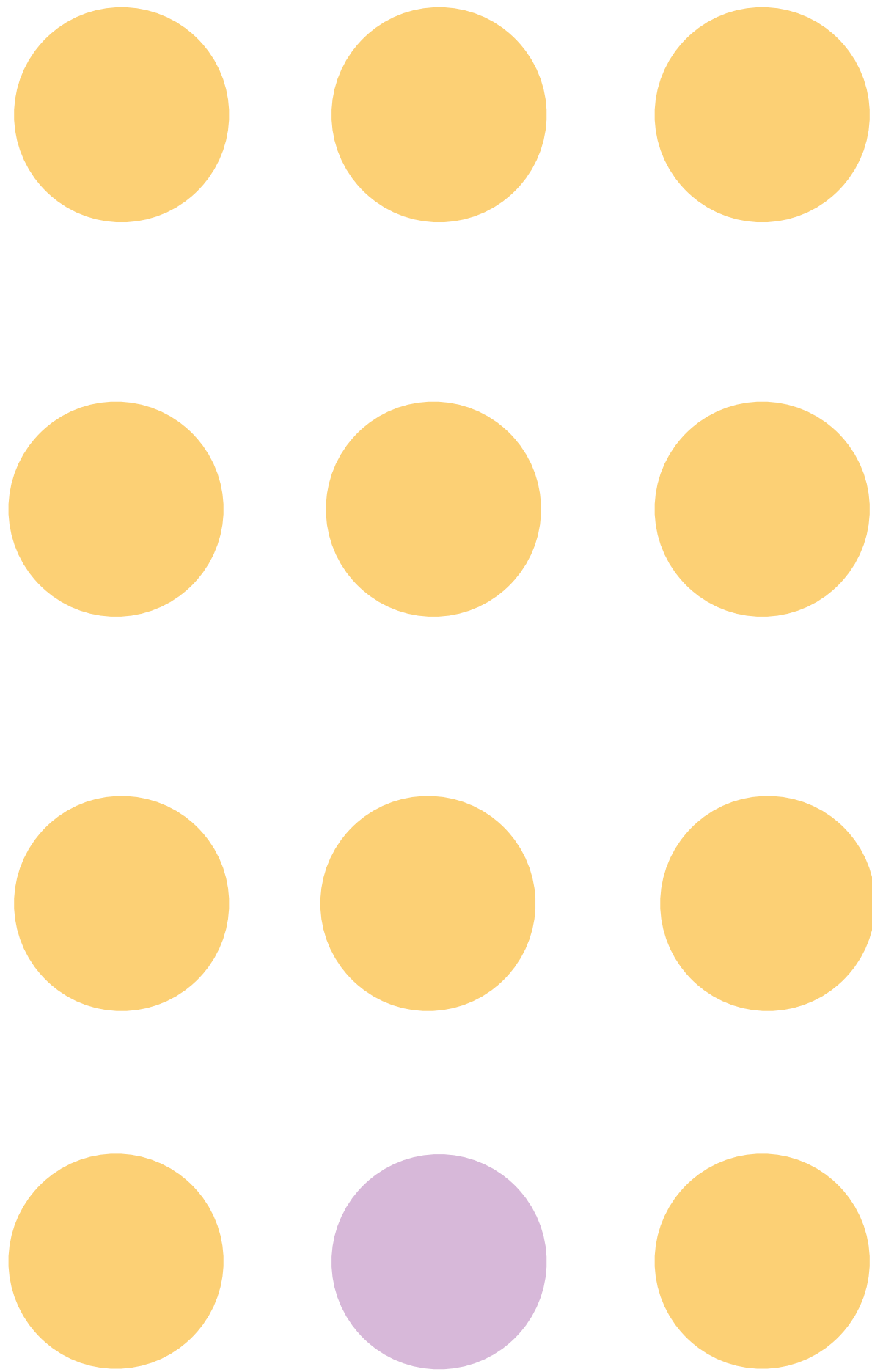




Does anything change in Nature as we vary  
the Higgs mass squared?

$$\frac{d \log f(\langle h \rangle)}{d \log \langle h \rangle} = O(1)$$

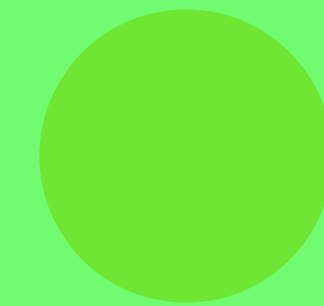
# Statistical



# Anthropic



# Dynamical



NEED THE  $O(1)$  CHANGE



Does anything change  
as we vary the Higgs mass?

## LOCAL

$$\text{Tr}[G \wedge G] \equiv G \tilde{G}$$

## NON-LOCAL

On-shell N-point  
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**Atomic Principle** [Agrawal, Donoghue, Barr, Seckel '97]

**Nnaturalness** [Arkani-Hamed, Cohen, **RTD**, Hook, Kim,  
Pinner '16]

**Selfish Higgs** [Giudice, Kehagias, Riotto, '19]



$G\tilde{G}$

ALPs

$F\tilde{F} + yLHE^c$

$m \lesssim v \simeq 174 \text{ GeV}$   
HL-LHC!

$H_1H_2$

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HL-LHC!

$$\langle G\tilde{G} \rangle \simeq (y_u + y_d) \langle h \rangle f_\pi^3 (\langle h \rangle) \theta$$



# QCD Theta Angle

Symmetry  $\sim 10^{10}$  Experiment


$\theta$

# Higgs Mass Squared

Symmetry  $\sim 10^{34}$  Experiment

$m_h^2 |H|^2$




$$\langle G\tilde{G} \rangle \simeq (y_u + y_d) \langle h \rangle f_\pi^3 (\langle h \rangle) \theta$$

**Non-trivial!**

1.  $U(1)_A$  breaking that can interfere with QCD instantons
2. Sensitivity to the Higgs mass ( $U(1)_A$  breaking and/or  $SU(3)$  running)

3.  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \lesssim m_h$







**First Joint Solution to the two Problems [RTD, Teresi '21]**



# INSTANTONS

$$\phi \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma}$$

$$V(\phi) \sim \int_0^\infty \frac{d\rho}{\rho^4} e^{-\frac{8\pi^2}{g^2(\rho)}} \times \dots$$

Approximate scale invariance of gauge theory = big hierarchy of scales



# EXAMPLE: SU(2) CONSTRAINED INSTANTONS

SM

$W\widetilde{W}$

Not observable

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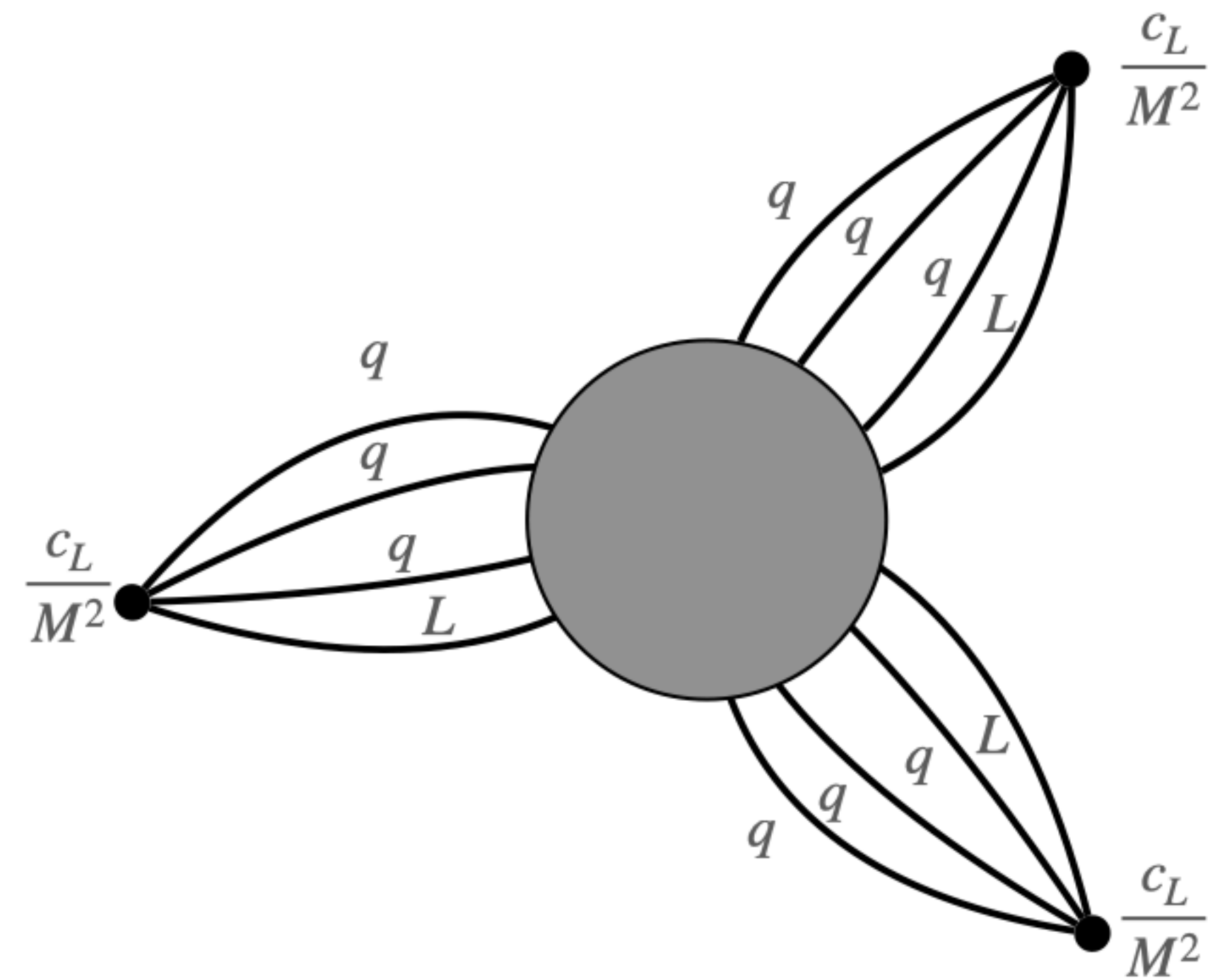
SM

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Not observable

SM+GUT

$$W\widetilde{W} + \frac{QQQL}{M^2}$$





# EXAMPLE: SU(2) CONSTRAINED INSTANTONS

$$W\widetilde{W} + \frac{QQQL}{M^2}$$

$$V(\phi) \sim \frac{\langle h \rangle^{10}}{M^6} e^{-\frac{2\pi}{\alpha_2(\langle h \rangle)}} + M^4 e^{-\frac{2\pi}{\alpha_2(M)}}$$

Tantalizing T=0 connection between B+L breaking  
and Higgs mass

# INSTANTONS IN THE MULTIVERSE

[C. Csaki, RTD, E. Kuflik, in progress]

EXAMPLE:

**DOUBLET-TRIPLET SPLITTING**

**HIERARCHY PROBLEM**

**STRONG CP PROBLEM**

**in one go!**

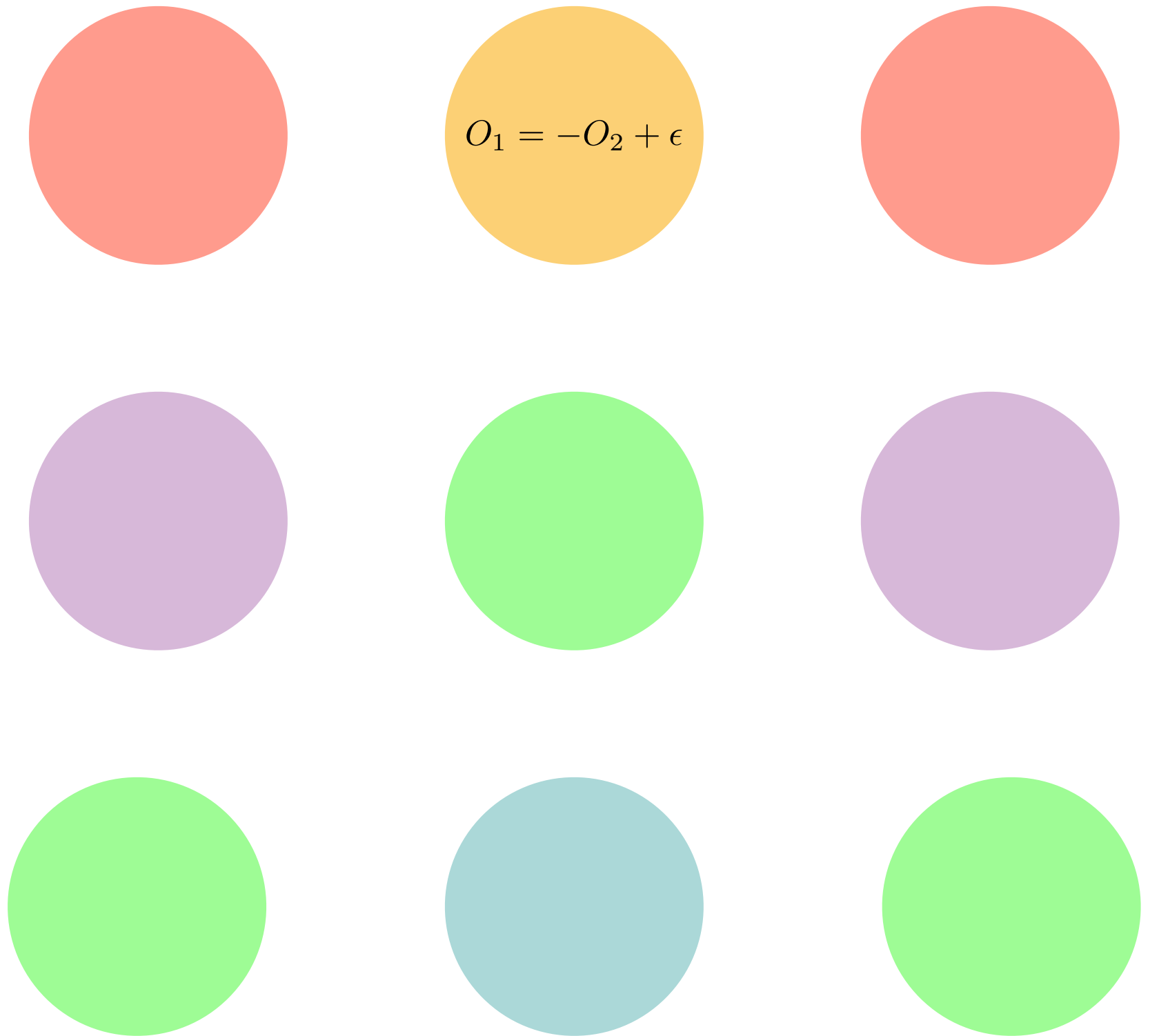
$$\phi F_5 \tilde{F}_5 + [\text{RTD, Teresi '21}]$$



Symmetric Sector

$$\Lambda_S \ll M_{\text{Pl}}$$

SM Landscape



Well-established theoretically  
Tons of new signatures and unexpected physics

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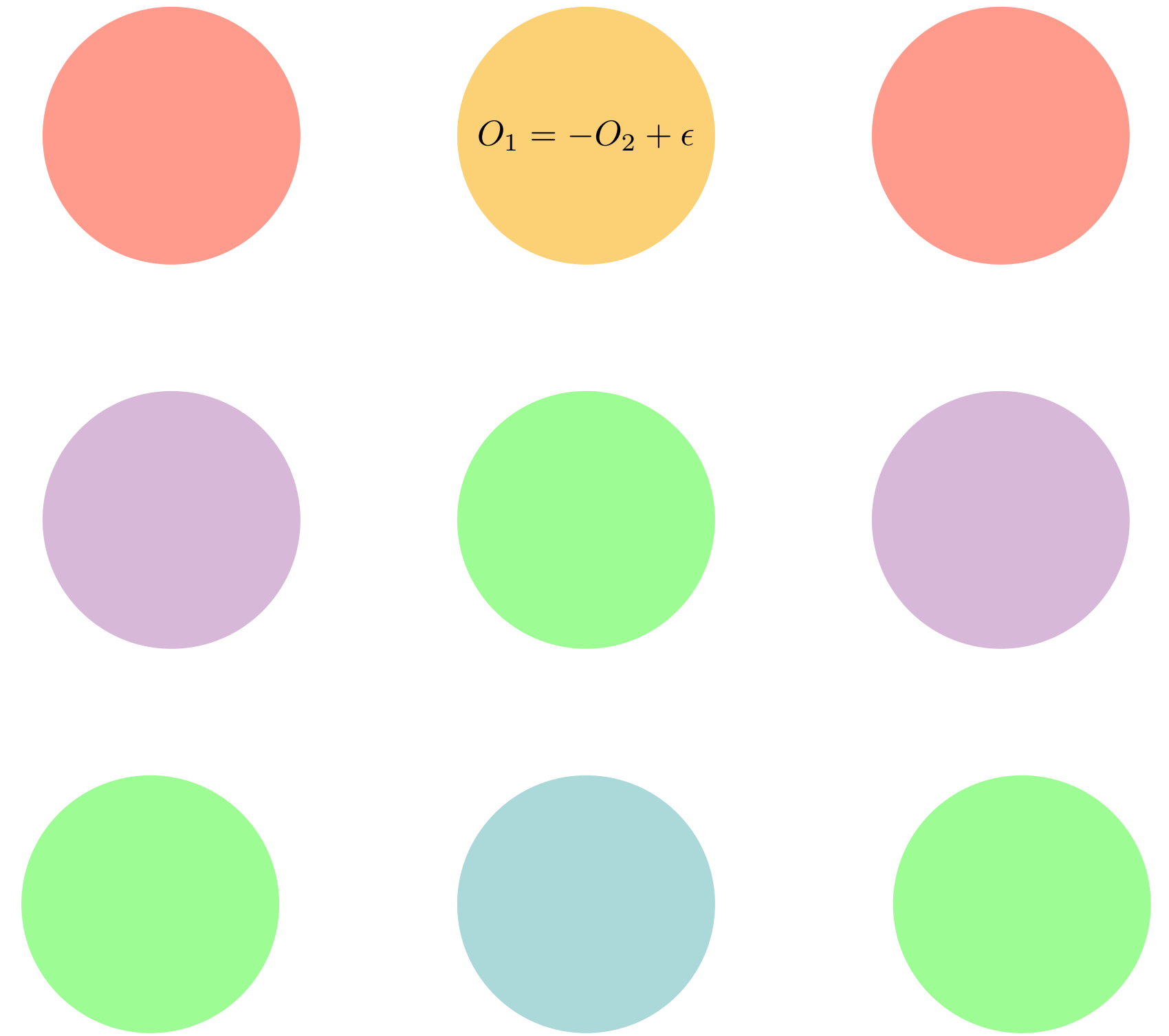




Symmetric Sector  
 $\Lambda_S \ll M_{\text{Pl}}$

Forces us to ask hard questions: how does quantum gravity play with inflation, dS and AdS minima, ...

## SM Landscape




**BACKUP**



# ASSUMPTIONS = SOLUTIONS



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$$m_h^2 = 0$$

Special

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Planck

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New  
Symmetry

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SM



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$M_S$

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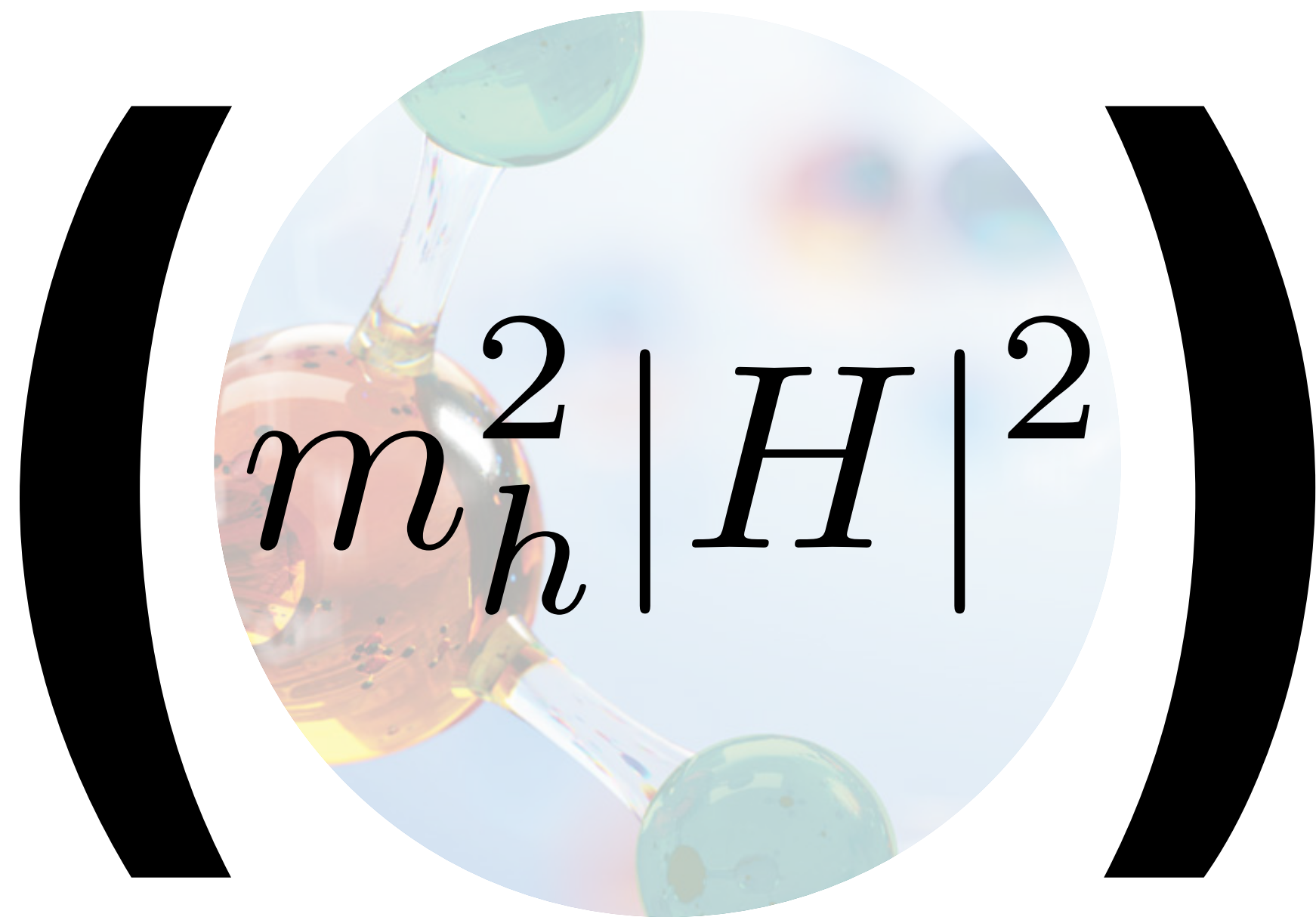
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SM


$$\left( m_h^2 |H|^2 \right)$$

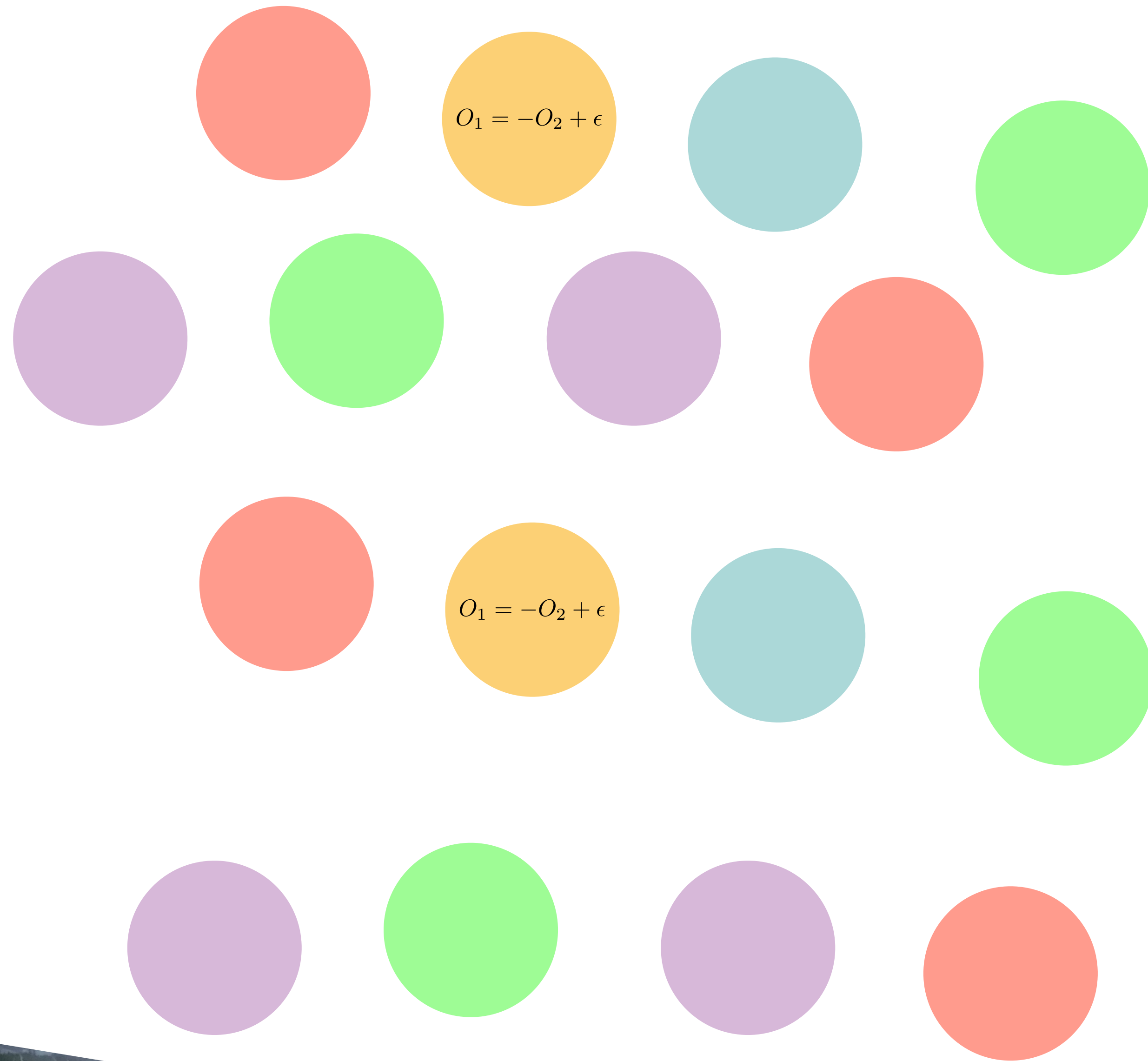
We have been looking  
for answers at energies  
close to  $m_h$   
for more than **40 years**

Higgs Boson

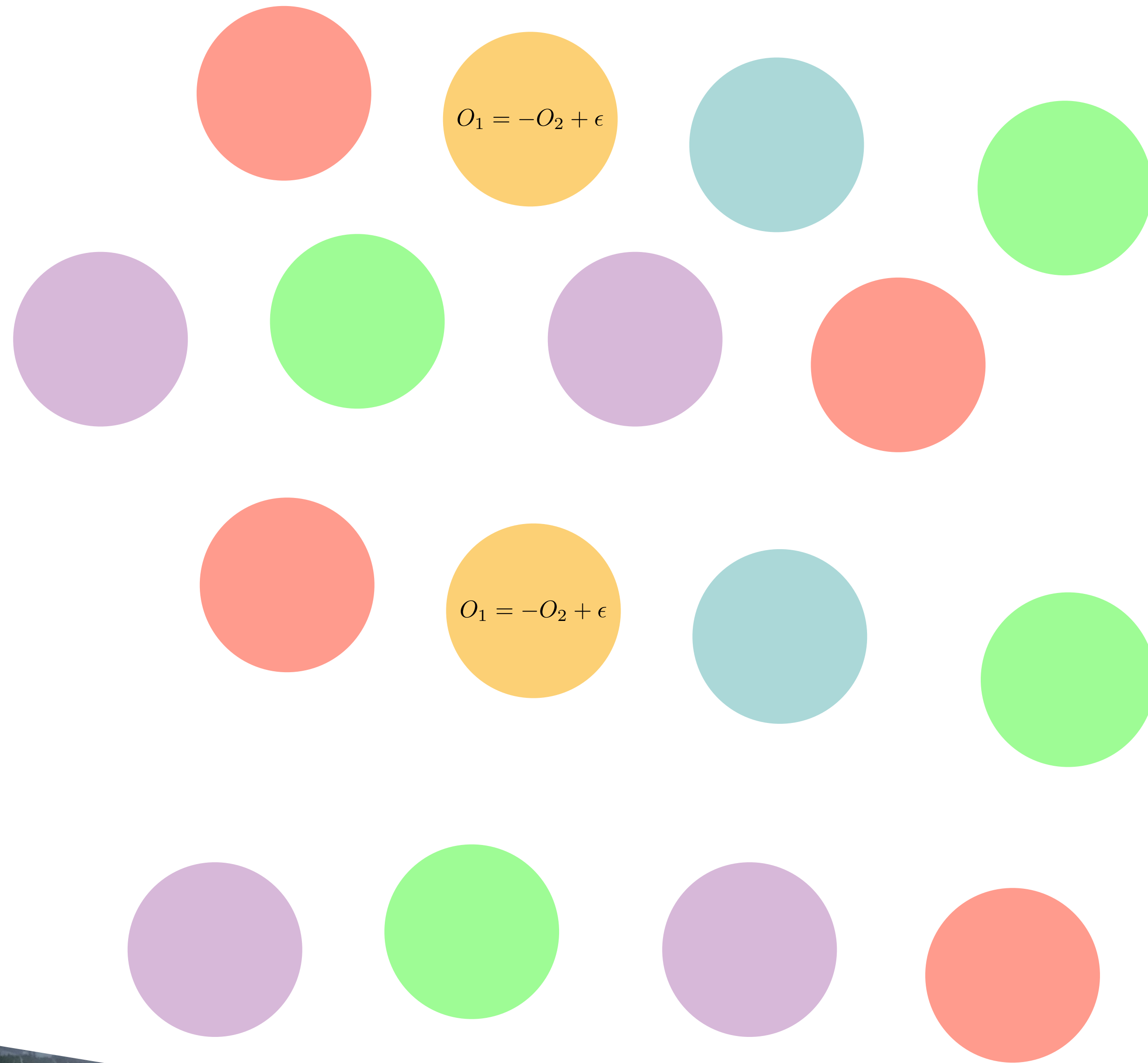


and we have  
not found them





Causally Disconnected  
Universes with different  
values of the Standard  
Model parameters,  
populated by eternal  
inflation



1. One day it can be tested experimentally
2. Currently our most concrete explanation for the cosmological constant
3. It might exist independently of the problem



QCD Theta Angle

$\theta$

NEUTRON ELECTRIC  
DIPOLE MOMENT

Higgs Mass Squared

$$m_h^2 |H|^2$$

WEAK FORCE,  
STRUCTURE OF  
NUCLEI, COMPLEX  
CHEMISTRY, ...



QCD Theta Angle

$$\theta \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

**SYMMETRY-BASED ESTIMATE**

Higgs Mass Squared

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**SYMMETRY-BASED ESTIMATE**



$$H_1 H_2$$

Protected by the **Z2 symmetry**

$$H_1 H_2 \rightarrow -H_1 H_2$$

$H_1 H_2$  **without Z2** first considered as 'paleo'-trigger in: [Espinosa, Grojean, Panico, Pomarol, Pujolas '15], [Dvali, Vilenkin '01]. Today these models require **two coincidences of scales to be alive at the LHC.**

# TYPE-0 2HDM

[Arkani-Hamed, RTD, Kim, '20]

$$V_{H_1 H_2} = m_1^2 |H_1|^2 + m_2^2 |H_2|^2 + \frac{\lambda_1}{2} |H_1|^4 + \frac{\lambda_2}{2} |H_2|^4 \\ + \lambda_3 |H_1|^2 |H_2|^2 + \lambda_4 |H_1 H_2|^2 + \left( \frac{\lambda_5}{2} (H_1 H_2)^2 + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

$$H_1 H_2 (B\mu + \lambda_6 |H_1|^2 + \lambda_7 |H_2|^2)$$

$$B\mu = \lambda_{6,7} = 0$$



# TYPE-0 2HDM

[Arkani-Hamed, RTD, Kim, '20]

$$m_{A,H^\pm}^2 \sim \lambda v^2, \quad \lambda \lesssim 2$$

$$m_H^2 \sim \lambda_1 v_1^2 \leq m_h^2 = (125 \text{ GeV})^2$$

# TYPE-0 2HDM

[Arkani-Hamed, RTD, Kim, '20]

For quarks and leptons we choose the **phenomenologically safest Z2 charge assignments**

$$H_2 \rightarrow -H_2, \quad (qu^c) \rightarrow -(qu^c), \quad (qd^c) \rightarrow -(qd^c), \quad (le^c) \rightarrow -(le^c)$$

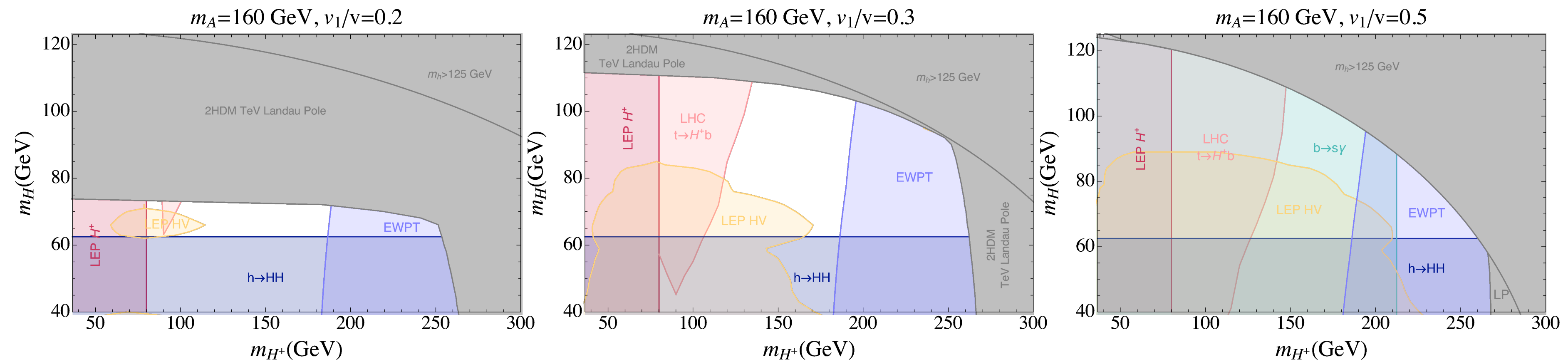
This gives

$$V_Y = Y_u q H_2 u^c + Y_d q H_2^\dagger d^c + Y_e l H_2^\dagger e^c$$



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Sharp target for HL-LHC and FCC  
which **can't be decoupled!**  
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